



MY favorite CHARACTER IS...

WHAT do YOU SEE ON the COVER?

WILL THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS?

What WILL HAPPEN next?



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## INFANTS:

Reading a book to your infant is a great chance to cuddle and bond, relax and sit comfortably with your baby on your lap. Point out pictures on the page and name what you are pointing to. You don't have to read every word! Sharing a book is an experience that helps your baby's brain to make important connections, laying the foundation for learning to read. Just because your baby is not talking, doesn't mean he/she isn't learning!

## TODDLERS:

Have lots of fun with this silly book! It provides lots of opportunities to talk about how the pigeon feels when he doesn't get what he wants and how he moves on to another goal after he is disappointed. Talk about the pictures, point and describe what you are pointing to as you talk about what is happening. Ask "where do you think the bus driver went? Why do you think the pigeon wants to drive the bus?" Point to the words as you read them. This helps your toddler learn what words are and where the words you are saying come from.

## PRESCHOOLERS:

Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus will become a favorite and can provide lots of opportunities to talk about feelings of frustration. Continue pointing to the words as you read. Ask your preschooler to read to you and have him/her turn the pages as they tell the story, the predictable pattern makes this easy. Preschoolers like to recite parts of a familiar story, especially if words rhyme or the story is predictable. You can take turns being the pigeon, pointing to the words as you say them. These are important pre-reading experiences. Your lap is still the best place for your preschooler to be and the reading you are sharing is helping your child to become a reader!

