

 Books to
Treasure**Cook-A-Doodle-Do!**

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Lesson-

Plan Ahead: There are many opportunities for all of the subjects in school to be targeted. This is a fantastic Language Arts and Math Story.

Math topic: Read the story entirely. Show measuring cups and spoon measurements. Review math recipe measurements.

Use inexpensive flour, salt, or sand to measure with the students. Water could substitute for the milk if there is not the ability to cook in your school. If you decide to bake the shortcake at home or at school the book will become much more meaningful for the students.

Reading and Language topics: The book is a great read aloud with much room for voice inflections. I usually make the pig sound obese and very hungry. I know that Pig is loud and anxious. The iguana is excited and high pitched when I read it. Janet Stephens had us roaring in the aisles when she emphasized Iguana.

Make sure you discuss or read, *The Little Red Hen*. The children will find many similarities and differences. They could even write and "fracture" their own fairy tale or fable.

Compare Amelia Bedelia and her books with Iguana. We say something and we really mean something else. The homonyms or homophones are part of the objectives in target teaching and are great to work with in language. Sentences could be written with both of the words that sound alike.

Something I did in class was to reach out and have the children re-name the book. They could write down the titles and we could write down our favorites. Then we could make a graph and pick our class favorite one. Ex. *Sharing Shortcake, I Will, I Can, Tasting Party, Making Strawberry Cake, Cake-a-Doodle*, etc. The life skills for friendship can definitely be found in this delightful story. Please have fun with this book.