The highly anticipated new Pigeon adventure from three-time Caldecott Honor Winner Mo Willems!
Dear Reader,

So you think you know everything about ME? You think I want to drive the bus? (I do!) You think I love hot dogs? (Guilty as charged!) You think I want to stay up late? (I'm a Pigeon night owl!) Okay, so you do know a lot about me.

But do you know the one thing I really, really, really, really want? (Really!)

Well, check out this kit, because you'll learn all about ME! (And what I really, really, really want!) There are also some games and other fun things in here... if you like that sort of thing. (I do.)

Oh, and don't forget to check out MY Web site, www.pigeonpresents.com, for more Pigeon fun! (It also has stuff with other Mo Willems characters. Whatever.)

Sincerely,

Pigeon

and all the little birdies at Hyperion Books for Children (and Pigeons)
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What Do You Really,  
Discussion Ideas

1. What is the best present you have ever received? Why?

2. Ask the children to share the one thing they want more than anything else in the world. Ask them why they want that one thing and what makes it special to them.

3. What is your favorite animal? Why?

4. Name some pets you could keep in your house. What animals would not make good pets?
5. How do you take care of a puppy? What about a kitty?

6. Have kids bring in pictures of their favorite type of dog. Then have them share with each other what they like most about this type of dog, and why they think it’s the very best type of dog!

Hey!
That was fun!
Now let’s get back to talking about ME, okay?
Write a New Pigeon Book!

I’ve already written MY book. I hope yours is as interesting.

- Have the children come up with a fun new thing that the Pigeon wants! Then together, write a story about what happens to Pigeon next. The children will dictate sentences for you to write down on chart paper.

- Then type up the resulting story on your computer, following the format of the Pigeon books, with one sentence in large print at the bottom of each page. Hand out the pages for children to read and illustrate.

- When they’re done, combine all of the children’s pages to make a brand-new book!
The Pigeon Says...

BEG
STAY
SPEAK
BARK
GIVE
SIT
PLAY DEAD
DROP IT

- Have your listeners act like puppies in this fun game of "The Pigeon Says . . . ."

- Start each command with "The Pigeon says . . . ." and watch the children follow the command. After a few rounds, give a command without "The Pigeon says . . . ." and see which children follow the command anyway.

- Give them puppy commands to follow from the list above.
Let’s Draw the PIGEON!

by Mo Willems

1. At the top of your page, make a circle for Pigeon’s head. Now draw another, smaller circle inside it. You’ve made a donut!

2. Now darken in the eyeball inside the small circle. Where you place the eyeball (in the middle, up, down, or to the side) will determine how the Pigeon feels!

3. Now make a sideways letter “M” for the Pigeon’s beak. (If you’d rather make a sideways letter “W”, that’s fine with me.)

4. Draw two straight lines down for the Pigeon’s neck, and two straight lines across for his collar. (This is always more fun with sound effects!)

5. Now comes the patented Mo Willems “circ-angle” for the Pigeon’s body! A circ-angle is a circle that halfway through changes its mind and decides to become a triangle.

6. Draw two lines down for his legs (just like you did for Pigeon’s neck).

7. Make three letter Vs: two for the Pigeon’s feet and one for his wing (which goes inside the circ-angle).

Congratulations! You drew the Pigeon! Show your pals!

Your pigeon doesn’t have to look like mine—just remember to have fun! The more you draw, the better you get! Once you get basic drawing down, you can try variations, moving the Pigeon’s beak, wings, legs, and eyes to see how many feelings you can get!

Your pal, MO!
AWWW... PUPPIES!

Who doesn't love puppies?
Draw the puppy of your dreams!
Make a Puppy Tag!

Your puppy should have a tag in case he gets lost. Pretend you are a puppy. What would your name be?

You will need: scissors, crayons, yarn, and a hole punch.

Use crayons to decorate the tag any way you like. Cut along the dotted lines. Woof!
The Pigeon Wants a Maze!

(Help Pigeon grab a hot dog, a bunny, a friend, and a bus on his way to find the puppy!)
Coloring Page!
(Make me look good!)

Oh, hello.
Lick, lick!
Woof!
Story Time with the Pigeon!

The highly anticipated new adventure in the best-selling series by Mo Willems!

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!

words and pictures by Mo Willems

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DATE: ______________________

TIME: ______________________
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