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GREEP BOINK MEEP! The three little aliens are happily settling into their new homes when the Big Bad Robot flies in to crack and smack and whack their houses down! A chase across the solar system follows in this out-of-this-world version of the classic *Three Little Pigs* tale. Margaret McNamara (*How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?*) and Mark Fearing (*The Book that Eats People*) have created a humorous and visually stunning story that kids will adore—and that will introduce them to the planets and the solar system. The endpapers even include a labeled diagram of all the planets.

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Hannah Parks says

In this adaptation of The Three Little Pigs, three robot siblings are sent out into the vast solar system to build their own homes. Little do they realize that a big, bad robot is whooshing towards them to blow their houses down. Luckily, the last alien has built a space-home so strong that the Robot explodes trying to crawl down the chimney.

This story is clever and fun and a great way to teach traditional literature and how it has been adapted and changed over the years. It also mentions planets of our solar system, which could be used in an activity where children learn about the atmosphere and climate of different planets and where they would build their own house. Students could also build their own robot out of simple machines.

Danielle LaMere says

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Illustrated by Mark Fearing

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The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot is an adaptation of The Three Little Pigs. It tells the story of three little alien siblings, Bork, Gork, and Nklxwcyz whose mother tells them it is time for them to go off and find their own planet to call home. The three aliens fly out into the galaxy whizzing by each planet in the solar system. Bork decides to live in the Mars Rover, Gork makes his home in a satellite orbiting Saturn and Nklxwcyz builds a very safe home on Neptune. One day the Big Bad Robot comes across Bork's home and the story follows The Three Little Pig from there with the three siblings ending up in Nklxwcyz house on Neptune when the Big Bad Robot tries to come down the chimney and blows up into a million pieces.

Teaching Ideas:

While this book is not a science text each planet is shown in order in the story and can be used as an introduction to a unit on the solar system. Another way that I would use this text is to introduce a writing assignment in which students write their own fractured fairy tale. This could be used as a read a loud to introduce the assignment or as a mentor text.

NYS ELA CCS: W.3.3, W.3.4, W.3.5

Erin Gunderson says

I really liked this retelling of the Three Little Pigs and I love their goofy alien faces. It's a little longer and wordier book than I usually use in my preschool Storytime, but I'm looking forward to using it this week nonetheless.

I found this author's note about Nklxwcyz's name to be very helpful if anyone else is stumped or disheartened by his consonant smush of a name. :)

Margaret McNamara says:

I'm the author of THE THREE LITTLE ALIENS and I wanted to add a note to [the] thoughtful comments above. Here's some background on the third little alien's name:

When I was a kid, I read a lot of comic books, mostly Superman and Batman. Superman had a foe named Mr. Mxyzptlk, whose name fascinated me. Nklxwcyz's name is a direct descendant of Mr. Mxyzptlk's. There's no one correct way to pronounce it. Kids and parents/teachers/librarians can decide how they'd like it to sound. I pronounce it "Nik-luh-witz." But who knows -- maybe on Nklxwcyz's planet it's pronounced "Nork."

Source:

<https://www.amazon.com/review/R3S68FE...>

Tris Kate says

This is a fun retelling of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. It makes a great read aloud if you're willing to do voices to distinguish the little aliens and the robot. Tris Kate and Eva pick this almost every day. Fun tidbit: The illustrator researched the appearance of the different planets in order to depict them as realistically as possible (despite the obvious improbability of alien life on these planets or the ability to travel between the planets in short order).

My only gripe with this book was, how in the world do you pronounce the third alien's name, "Nklxwcyz"??

RLL22016Nora Herrera says

This book reminded me of the three little pigs. Instead of three little pigs there are three little aliens that live in space and a big bad robot. The three little aliens leave home to be independent. Their mother told them to stay together, but the little aliens go on separate ways. The robot destroys the house of the first little alien, who went to the second little alien's home; which the big bad alien destroyed as well as the first one. The three little aliens go to the third's little aliens house. The big bad robot could not destroy the house. He tries getting in through the chimney, but gets stuck halfway and explodes. The three little aliens called the mom and she comes to read a book to them. The books have beautiful pictures of our solar system, the coloration was based on real pictures provided by NASA.

ratherread says

5 Stars (based on my grandson's response)

My 3 year old grand son loves this story based on "The 3 little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf." He loves to imitate the sounds that the robot makes and cheers for the little aliens.

Darinda says

Three little aliens leave home and go to find their own places in the galaxy. Their mother warns them to watch out for the Big Bad Robot, but two little aliens don't heed her advice.

Instead of three little pigs and a wolf, this modern take on the classic Three Little Pigs uses three little aliens and a robot. A silly and fun version of a favorite fable. Good for little ones that like space themed books.

Emily Eastman says

I really enjoyed this book. It is a play off from the 3 little pigs and follows the same story book. The twist on this book keeps it entertaining enough for the kids to be engaged throughout the whole book. This is one of my kids favorite books and they love to read it as often as we can. There are some challenging names in the book, but it doesn't change the story plot

Susan says

I liked this "modern" approach to the 3 Little Pigs...it felt more accessible to today's child to me than the original. (I also liked the re-using of all the space "junk" out there!)

Joan says

Three little aliens, Bork, Gork, and Nklxwcyz, set out to find planets of their own to call home. Bork spies a shiny rover on a dusty planet and claims the zippy machine as her new home. Gork chooses a planet circled by cool rings just right for surfing. Nklxwcyz travels on until he reaches a distant blue planet where he builds a home with sturdy walls. He lights it with stardust and finds solar panels to keep it warm. A telescope serves as a chimney. It's not zippy or cool, Nklxwcyz thinks, but his new home is safe.

The three little aliens are all happy in their new homes . . . and then along comes the Big Bad Robot.

In this adorable retelling of "The Three Little Pigs" for children of the space age, the story unfolds as expected when the Big Bad Robot comes along to "greep, boink, meep, epeedily, deeep, ork, eep, eep" destroy their homes. Delightfully illustrated, readers will have fun cheering for the little aliens as, in turn, each races away from the Big Bad Robot.

An added bonus: the planets of the solar system are shown in order from sun, using NASA photographs to depict each planet as accurately as possible. The targeted audience for this book is ages four to eight, but all young readers are certain to enjoy this delightful adaptation of the familiar fable/fairy tale.

Highly recommended.

Laura says

This was given to my 5YO as a gift, and he loves it. But I didn't like it the first couple times I read it. The Three Little Pigs is not the most engaging story to begin with, and ugly little aliens and space robots do not improve the telling -- not for a grown-up girl, anyway. I was tempted to laugh at the prank being played on me with the impossible name of "NKLXWCYZ," but it was annoying.

But it grew on me. It started when I admitted to myself I liked reading the robot noises. You wouldn't think it, but "creep peedily meep meep moink" said out loud really sounds like a robot. Then I saw the educational value in it; my 5YO is learning about planets from it. Then I began to appreciate the humor and the rhyming, evil robot. And even though the illustrations are of ugly aliens and robots, they're actually well done. Now that I've settled on a functional pronunciation, I can even think "touche" when I read Nklxwcyz's name.

Nancy Kotkin says

Story: 5 stars

Illustrations: 4 stars

Interstellar rendition of The Three Little Pigs. Introduces readers to the planets and incorporates some facts about the solar system. Clever, entertaining, and educational.

Kerry says

5 stars based on the response of my story time crowd. The robot is scary enough that they love it...the illustrations are so fun and reading it aloud makes this a great story time book if you do the robot noises. Highly recommend if you need a read aloud book for a class. A little long but kids love it so they actually sit through it.

Emma Gustafson says

This story of The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot is a science fiction twist on the traditional story of The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. Aliens, Bork, Gork and Nklxwcyz find their own homes on their respected planets with all sorts of space items to secure their homes. However, not long after getting settled comes the big bad robot to destroy their homes. The story is told as expected following the traditional Three Little Pigs format. The pictures take a photographic depiction and have some fun details that can be discussed with the students.

Slee says

Pro tip- you might just want to call the third little alien "keyboard smash." Keyboard smash is my kids' favorite of the aliens in this cute little story. It is one that my youngest demands over and over, so bring a glass of water to the bedside before settling in to read it.
