

To Market, To Market

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Plans: This cute tale and rhyme with mixed media is a delight for all students. It will incorporate reading, math, science and language arts. The students may be able to recite it for others also, or have choral reading.

Reading: Ask how many have heard of To market, To market, to buy a fat pig. Home again, home again, jiggity jig! Going over many nursery rhymes will be good for rhyming and memory with all ages. (*Also read And The Dish Ran Away with the Spoon c.1997*). The children could even have a skit in front of other classes to add to the enthusiasm. You could read *Epossumondas* and compare To Market, To Market with it. Notice that Coleen Salley is in both books. Janet Stevens used her as a model and then illustrated; Coleen Stanley's Louisiana tale *Epossumondas* for her.

Math: Count the times that she went to this actual market. Total a bill on what the items could cost. Target some of the tens and hundreds place value in money that is spent. Make a diagram or graph depicting the most expensive to the least expensive animal or item.

Language arts & Science: Review the vocabulary. Write a rhyming ditty with the class. In science, check out the descriptions of the animals or foods in the dictionary. Use enriching exercises describing the animal, that your cooperative group is assigned.

Art: Use magazines with pictures to intertwine with drawings or coloring just like Janet Stevens did with this book. Go to the Janet Stevens web site with your class for targeting technology and for gleaning more ideas that are super.