

Pierre the Penguin

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

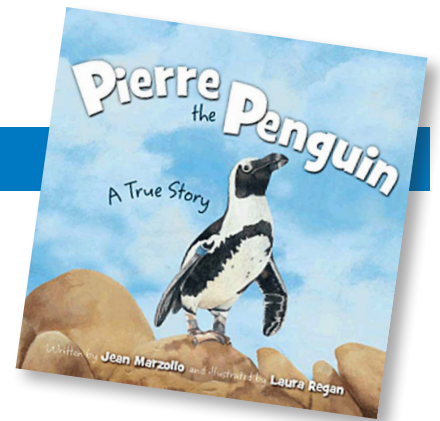
Themes: Animal Care, Habitats, Problem Solving, Careers

Grade Level: K to 1st grade

Book Brief: Pierre the penguin has lost his feathers! Pam, an aquatic biologist, comes up with a clever way to solve his problem.

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Illustrator:
Laura Regan



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask kids what they already know about penguins. Where do they live? Do they fly? Explain that this is a true story about a penguin who starts to lose his feathers. Why might losing his feathers be a problem?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

PIERRE'S FEATHER EXPERIMENT (AGES 5-7)

Materials: 2 zip-up plastic baggies, ice, feathers

Place ice in one plastic bag. Seal tightly. Let kids take turns holding it. How does it feel? Put feathers in the other bag. This time, give children the bag of feathers to hold first, then put the ice on top of it. How does that feel? How is it different from holding just the bag of ice? Based on your experiment, why does Pierre need his feathers? What do people use to keep warm since they don't have feathers?

PENGUIN POTATO PRINT (AGES 5-7)

Materials: 2 potatoes, black and white paint, paintbrush, blue paper, colored scrap paper, crayons, wiggle eyes

Cut a large and a small potato in half lengthwise. Paint the large potato half black; stamp it onto blue paper. This is the penguin's body. Paint on wings and let dry. When dry, paint the small potato half white

and stamp it onto the black penguin body. Cut a beak and feet out of orange craft paper and glue on the penguin. Add wiggly eyes. Make a landscape with paper scraps or crayons.

PENGUIN TREATS (AGES 4-10)

Ingredients: cream-filled chocolate cookie, fruit snacks, plastic knife

Give each child a cookie. Have them separate the cookie into two halves. Break cookie half with the least amount of cream in pieces to make wings; place on the half with cream. Use a plastic knife to cut fruit snacks into pieces for eyes and beak.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT PENGUINS

And Tango Makes Three, Justin Richardson (2005), *I Wonder Why Penguins Can't Fly*, Pat Jacobs (2011), *National Geographic Reader: Penguins*, Anne Schreiber (2009).

TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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