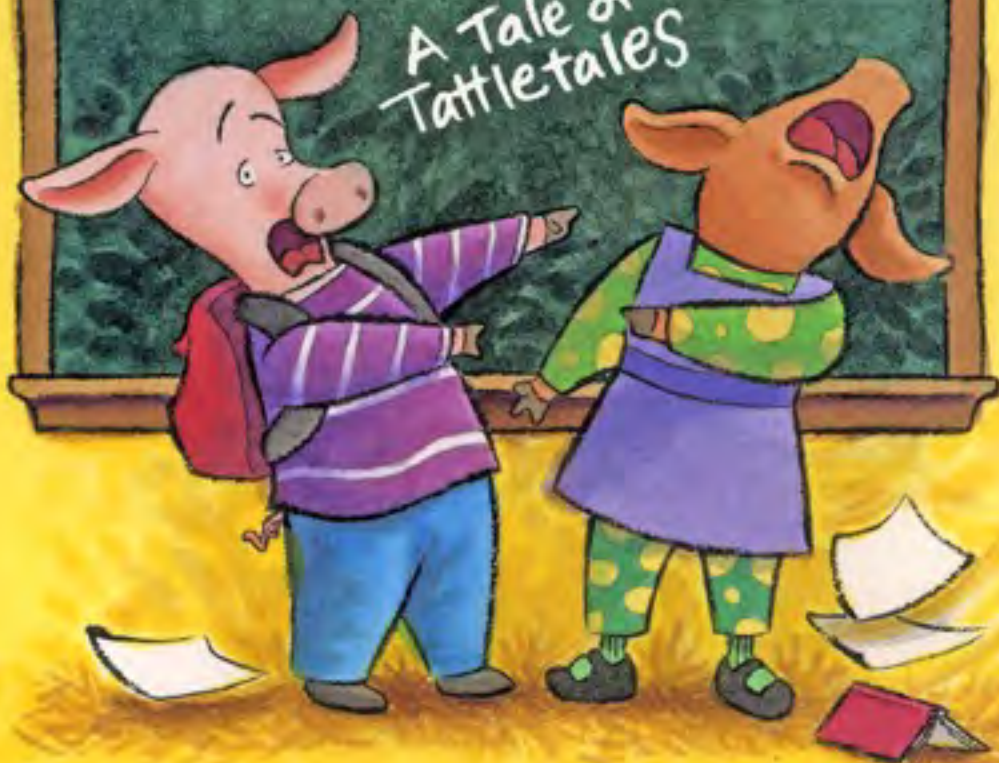


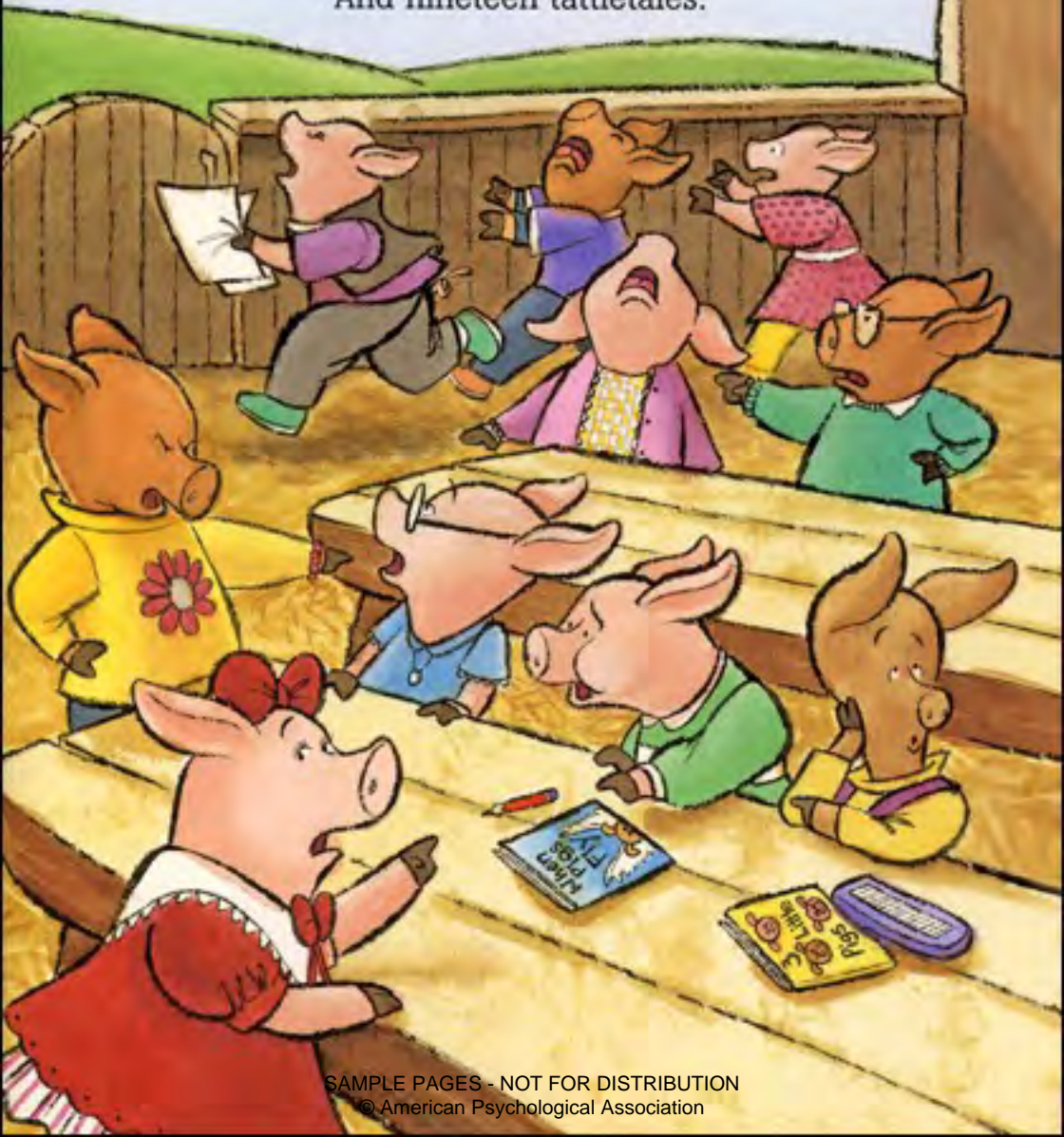
# Don't Squeal Unless It's a BIG Deal

## A Tale of Tattletales



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**T**here were nineteen students in Mrs. McNeal's class.  
And nineteen tattletales.







It all started when Jessica trit-trotted up to Mrs. McNeal's desk.

"Peter pulled my pigtail!"

"That must have hurt," Mrs. McNeal said. "Did you tell Peter that?"

Jessica nodded.

Mrs. McNeal said, "Let's see what Peter has to say."

Peter dragged his hooves all the way up to Mrs. McNeal's desk.

"Jessica says  
you pulled her pigtail,"  
Mrs. McNeal said.

"I did not!" Peter said.

"Yes, you did!"  
Jessica  
said.



"You both have the right to say how you feel," Mrs. McNeal said. "You also have the right to feel safe and comfortable at school. Rules like Keep Your Hooves to Yourself make it easier to do that."

Mrs. McNeal added, "But since Jessica's tail is still attached, and Peter doesn't look particularly dangerous at the moment, I think it's safe to go back to your desks now."

Jessica stomped.

Peter snorted.

Mrs. McNeal started humming "The Farmer in the Dell."