Make Your Own

**Materials**

1. Crayons or markers
2. Assorted construction paper
3. Stapler

*If You Give a Pig a Pancake* and *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* by Laura Numeroff

**Virginia SOLs**

1.11, 2.8, 3.5

**Procedure**

1. Read *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* to your class. Point out that pig and pancake begin with the same sound and letter.

2. After reading the story, discuss the similar book title, *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*. Encourage students to identify what is similar about these two titles (the animal and food begin with the same letter.)

3. Invite students to come up with their own book titles that include an animal and a food that begin with the same letter and sound. To avoid repetition, assign each child a different letter of the alphabet. Put Laura Numeroff’s other “What If...” books on display for the class to come up with their own book titles.

4. Distribute colored construction paper to your students.

5. Help students print their story titles onto their book covers. Explain to the class that they are the author and illustrator of their book covers. Using Numeroff’s other books as samples, show them where to write their names.

6. Using crayons and markers, have students draw a picture on their book covers. Be sure they include an animal and food.

7. Arrange and staple the book covers in alphabetical order by title onto the bulletin board.

8. Add the title “If You Give a...” to the display.

9. VARIATION: For a whole group or work station activity, put the students’ book covers in ABC order.

10. HELPFUL HINT: For those tricky letters, consider Xai (Chinese for shrimp), Uva (Spanish for grape), Iguana, and Zucchini.

Source: http://teacher.scholastic.com/authorsandbooks/authors/numeroff/classact.html