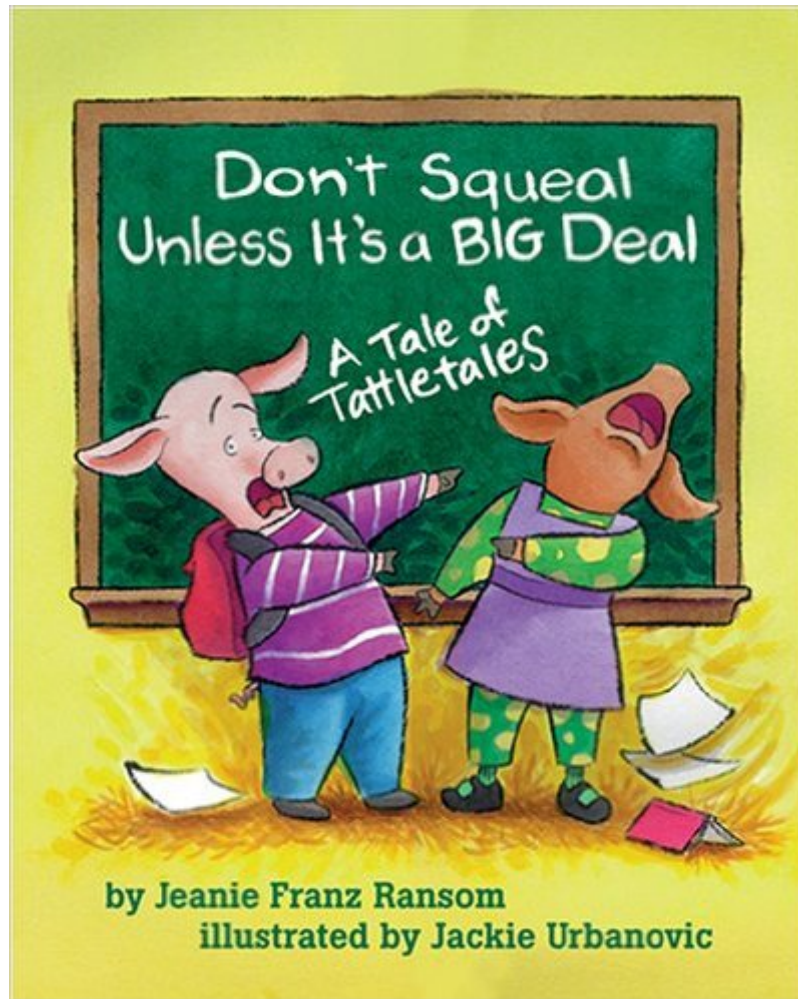


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# Don't Squeal Unless It's A Big Deal: A Tale Of Tattletales



## Synopsis

Teaches kids when squealing on a fellow classmate is appropriate and when it is merely tattling! Set in a school classroom, the kids in the class constantly tattle on each other, creating an air of frustration and distrust. The teacher, rather than policing the situation, addresses underlying feelings and encourages mutual problem solving.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

As a third grade teacher, this book is excellent for my students plus a few grades younger. My students have talked about the book several weeks since I've read it to them. I am buying another copy to share.

A tale of Tattletales is a great tool to use with children in play therapy and who need help learning when it is okay to tell and when it is just squealing. Teachers can use this book to cut down on the day to day squealing in the classroom and parents can use it to stop the sibling-she did it-he did it!

I purchased this book to try to get my 1st graders to stop tattling on each other. This is a good book and I love the rules of tattling that teach everyone the proper time to tell on someone.

I'm a school counselor and work with about four hundred K-5 students and yep.....they sure can tattle! So being the proactive lady I am....I have scoured the EARTH for SOLID books on tattling. I say solid because I am not a fan of books that make kids feel bad for tattling. Not cool. Don't Squeal Unless It's a Big Deal is definitely a favorite. I work really hard on helping students see the difference between small problems ("Laura looked at me!") and big problems ("Laura punched me!"). Hint: make sure to incorporate lessons on how to problem solve with tattling lessons. If they truly don't know how to solve a problem - then of course they'll tattle! I seriously notice a decrease in tattling when the kids feel educated and AWARE of their behavior. And of course I have a blast with this lesson when I use my trusty pig puppets. The kids love coming up and using the puppets to figure out how not to sweat the small stuff.

Hilarious book about pigs and how often they tattle to their teacher. I read this during Guidance lessons to K-3rd grade once a year. I also made a poster for each classroom that say 'don't squeal unless its a big deal' and the times it is important to 'squeal'. The kids think the book is funny, and I enjoy reading it. Win Win!!

Don't Squeal Unless It's a Big Deal, is written by Jeanie Franz Ransom and illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic for pre-schoolers to third graders. A great message for children accompanied with colorful, expressive pictures emphasizing how exhausting tattling can be for all involved. There are 19 students in Mrs. McNeal's class. And 19 tattletales. Teacher McNeal does a wonderful job of asking the tattlers if they've talked with the accused student, have they been hurt, or have they tried to fix the problem first before coming to her? She comes up with a new rule that she prints on the blackboard: " Don't squeal unless it's a big deal." The piglets learn when it is the proper time to tell a teacher. Then one afternoon that rule is tested when something BIG happens. The children are left to their own resources and have to use everything they've learned to take care of the problem. The author is a school counselor and does an outstanding job of showing and not preaching to the students. She has included a guide for teachers and parents at the end. Kids will enjoy this book!

My class has had a big problem with tattling. The title of the book sounded cute. I was worried that the book would be too childish for my 6-10 year olds, but it wasn't. They loved the pictures, and they continue to ask to borrow it to read it. It has definitely helped explain what is a big enough deal to tell the teacher about. I love this book!

Perfect for teaching about tattletales. Children need to learn to solve problems themselves & many have trouble doing so. I am going to read and re-read this books to my classes until they figure it out. Emergencies require teacher involvement, but children being children situations do not. Learning to successfully deal with problems is a very important social skill that this book highlights.

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