



## If You Give a Moose a Muffin

*If you give a moose a muffin, you'd better be prepared to take him to the store, sit through a puppet show, and do a whole lot more!*

**Mix It Up!** Write out sequential parts of *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* on separate strips of paper. Then mix them up and arrange them (taped to the board or a large piece of paper) in random order. Read the mixed-up story with your class, and then figure out together how to put the story back in its proper order. (This can also be done by students individually. Distribute individual packets of sentence strips so that the children can work on the mix-up at their seats. They can put the story in order on pages of a blank book, and, once they've checked with you, they can glue the corrected sequence down and illustrate the story.)

**Healthy Choices.** Donuts, cupcakes, muffins, cookies, and pancakes are all fine in moderation, but remind your students that being healthy means making healthy choices. Plan a nutrition lesson for your class, teaching dietary guidelines and the importance of eating foods from all of the food groups. Challenge your students to come up with a list of healthy snacks as well as a list of dishes that incorporate all the food groups.



**Moose Meteorologists.** Each day, have students observe the different weather indicators: temperature, precipitation, and sky. The class can record its findings as a group on a weather calendar, and the children can then record these findings in individual folders kept at their desks. If this is begun and continued as a daily practice, students will have a terrific record as the year progresses. This record also works as a great jumping-off point for other activities centered on climates, animals, habitats, etc.

**Please, Mr. Postman.** Talk about how to write a friendly letter, and have the class brainstorm different elements that can be included. Have students write friendly letters to Moose (or other favorite characters in the stories) telling him something about themselves. On the reverse side, have them draw pictures from a part of the story. **Activity Extension:** Children can design stamps using adhesive labels, and you can start a discussion about how letters are mailed and how the United States Post Office works. Take the activity one step further by arranging a pen-pal program with another class in the school or far away.

