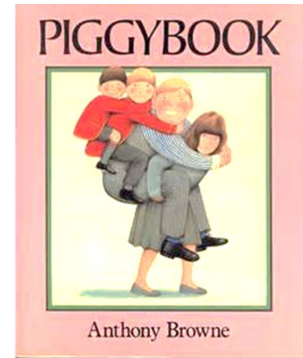


Piggybook

by Anthony Browne

■ Before reading

- ✓ Look at the cover picture of this picture book, and make a guess what this story is about.



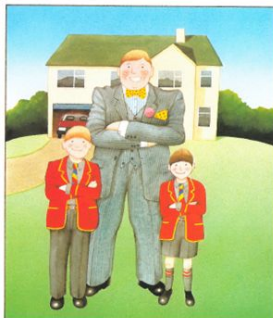
■ While reading

- ✓ **Read beyond words:** In the first four to five pages, the author tries to convey one image of the family members. Observe the following highlighted sentences, and discuss what the image is with your teammates.

- Mr. Piggott lived with his two sons, Simon and Patrick, in a nice house with a nice garden, and a nice car in the nice garage. Inside the house was his wife.
- "Hurry up with the breakfast, dear," he called every morning, before he went off to his very important job. "Hurry up with the breakfast, Mum," Simon and Patrick called before they went off to their very important school.
- After they left the house, Mrs. Piggott washed all the breakfast things... vacuumed all the carpets... made all the beds... and then she went to work.

✓ **Take a closer look at the pictures:**

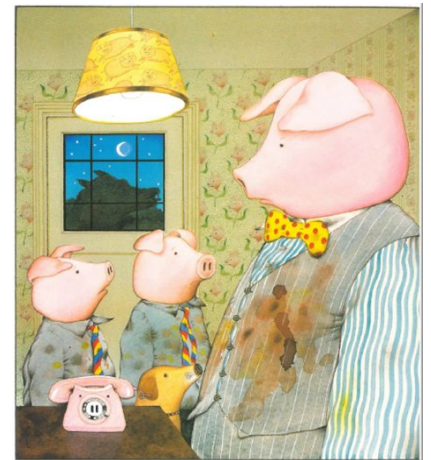
1. Can you see the difference of drawing styles between pictures of Mrs. Piggott and those of Mr. Piggott and their sons? Can you see Mrs. Piggott's face clearly? Why does the author/illustrator do so?



2. Two famous paintings are drawn hanging on their walls – [Mr. and Mrs. Andrews](#) and [The Laughing Cavalier](#), but are modified in an interesting way. Why are they illustrated in this way?



3. Look at the picture where they all turn into pigs. Outside the window is a shadow. What is it? Why is it illustrated in the picture?



■ After reading

1. Why is the book named “Piggybook?” If you were the mother on the cover, how would you feel?
2. What does *Piggybook* say about gender equality? What’s your opinion about it?