

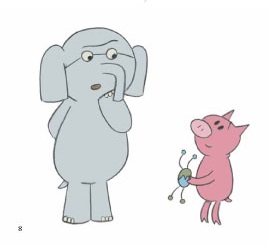
**Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**Book title:** ***I Love My New Toy***

**Author:** Mo Willems

**Main characters:** Piggie and Gerald

**Executive summary:** Piggie learns the importance of forgiveness and friendship when she thinks her best friend Gerald broke her new toy. When they discover that toy isn’t really broken, it is Piggie who wants Gerald’s forgiveness.

**Detailed summary:** Piggie loves her new toy. She is very excited about it, and she shows it to her best friend Gerald, an elephant. Piggie and Gerald both wonder what to do with the toy. Gerald wishes the new toy was his. He wants to try throwing it. Piggy isn’t sure if that is a good idea, but she wants to be a good friend, so she gives the toy to Gerald. He throws it high in the air. They watch as it falls back down to the ground. When it lands, it breaks. Now Piggie is sad. Then she is mad, really mad.

Gerald is sorry for breaking Piggie’s new toy, but Piggie is too mad to forgive him. Now both friends are sad. Piggie is sad because her toy is broken. Elephant is sad because he broke the toy and Piggie will not forgive him. They both cry. Then they hug each other. Then Squirrel comes along. He picks up the toy and snaps it back together. It isn’t broken after all. It is supposed to break apart and snap back together again. Now it is Piggie who feels bad for getting so angry at her friend. Piggie tries to get Gerald to play with the toy again. Gerald doesn’t want to play with it. But he will play with Piggie! The two friends run off to find other games to play together and leave the toy behind.