Pierre the Penguin

A RIF GUIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Themes:** Animal Care, Habitats, Problem Solving, Careers

**Grade Level:** K to 1st grade

**Book Brief:** Pierre the penguin has lost his feathers! Pam, an aquatic biologist, comes up with a clever way to solve his problem.

**Author:** Jean Marzollo

**Illustrator:** Laura Regan

TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Ask kids what they already know about penguins. Where do they live? Do they fly? Explain that this is a true story about a penguin who starts to lose his feathers. Why might losing his feathers be a problem?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

PIERRE’S FEATHER EXPERIMENT (AGES 5-7)

**Materials:** 2 zip-up plastic baggies, ice, feathers

Place ice in one plastic bag. Seal tightly. Let kids take turns holding it. How does it feel? Put feathers in the other bag. This time, give children the bag of feathers to hold first, then put the ice on top of it. How does that feel? How is it different from holding just the bag of ice? Based on your experiment, why does Pierre need his feathers? What do people use to keep warm since they don’t have feathers?

PENGUIN POTATO PRINT (AGES 5-7)

**Materials:** 2 potatoes, black and white paint, paintbrush, blue paper, colored scrap paper, crayons, wiggle eyes

Cut a large and a small potato in half lengthwise. Paint the large potato half black; stamp it onto blue paper. This is the penguin’s body. Paint on wings and let dry. When dry, paint the small potato half white and stamp it onto the black penguin body. Cut a beak and feet out of orange craft paper and glue on the penguin. Add wiggly eyes. Make a landscape with paper scraps or crayons.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**OTHER BOOKS ABOUT PENGUINS**


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