

## Read Aloud Lesson based on the book

### *Rufus Goes to School*

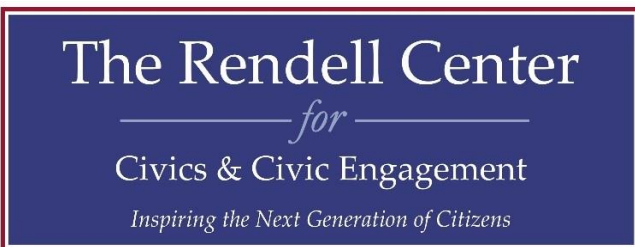
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*Rufus is a little pig with a BIG dream: he wants to go to school! One day, Rufus decides today is the day he chases his dream. Backpack in hand, Rufus heads to school, only to be told “No pigs in school!” Feeling that this rule is unfair, Rufus is determined not to give up. Listen to this story as Rufus tries to figure out why some rules exist and what truly makes a pig ready for school! After reading or listening to **Rufus Goes to School** (check YouTube for a read aloud), answer and reflect on the questions below.*

1. Why was it Rufus’ dream to go to school? Do you have any dreams as big as Rufus’ dream? Have you ever been told no when trying to follow your dreams? How did that feel? How do you think Rufus felt when he was told no?
2. Who do you think made the “No pigs in school” rule? Why do you think this was a rule? Do you think this was a fair rule? Why or why not?
3. Sometimes in life we come across rules that just aren’t fair. When that happens what do you think we should do? Should we try to change the rule, or just live with it? What would you do if you were Rufus?
4. In everyone’s lives there are a lot of rules that we must follow. Most of these rules are fair and are usually made to protect us. Can you think of any rules that are made to protect you? Is it easy or hard to follow these rules?

5. When Rufus learned about the “No pigs in school” rule, he was confused! He didn’t understand why that would be a rule. Can you think of any rules that you don’t understand? How about rules that you don’t like following? Discuss why these rules might exist. Talk about why it could be important to follow these kinds of rules even if we disagree with them.



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