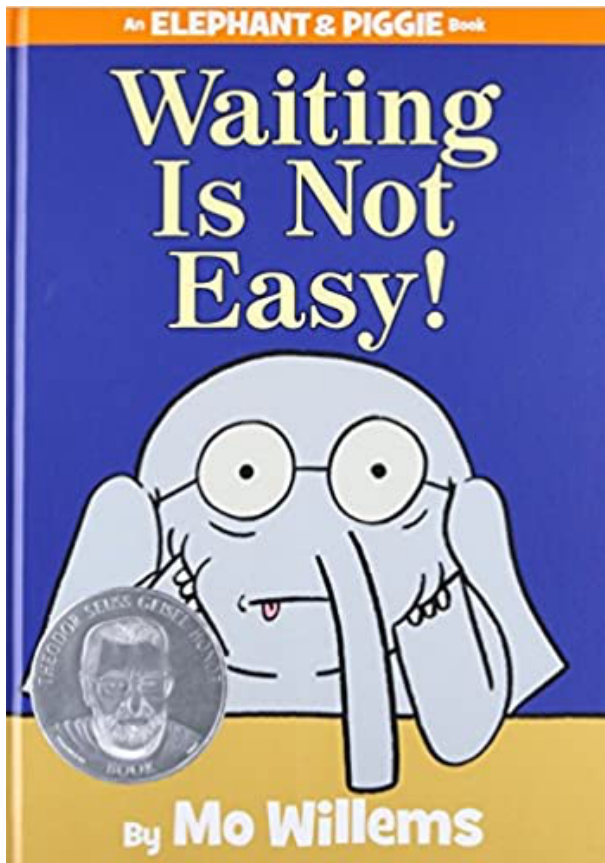


# MO WILLEMS-ILLUSTRATOR SPOTLIGHT

*Everyone can be a reader and writer*

*We grow as readers when we read books that interest us and talk about what we read.*



## GATHER MATERIALS

- Your Writer's Notebook or piece of paper
- A pencil and eraser

## READ, THINK, RESPOND

- Hear Mo Willems talk about how he uses his writer's notebook to grow his ideas and plan out the story for his book Waiting Is Not Easy.
- Listen to his writing and illustrating process and how he creates the rough drafts of his Elephant and Piggie books.
- At 14 minutes, Mo will show you how to draw his characters. Try it out in your notebook or on a piece of paper.
- Here, he shows you how to draw Piggie.
- Read along with Waiting Is Not Easy.
- Write down your ideas for your own Elephant and Piggie adventure.
- Watch other Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems episodes to find out more about his writing and illustrating process and learn how to doodle!

## WRITE AND DRAW EVERYDAY!

Remember to use your Writer's Notebook daily to record:

- ideas for stories or non-fiction
- drawings and descriptions of characters or topics
- words you've collected that you find interesting
- beginning or endings you like
- wonderings...do you have a question for the author?

## GO BEYOND

Listen to a group of 7 year olds reading Can I Play Too?

- Notice how the children use their voice as they read. Try reading along using different voices for Gerald and Piggie.
- You may want to make Gerald and Piggie puppets by cutting out the drawings you made and act out your own Elephant and Piggie adventure.