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If you haven't read Charlotte's Web, pick up a copy at Barnes & Nobles or go to your nearby library and start reading! It's a fantastic book for almost any age. Be prepared though, it's quite moving.

If you have read it and it's been a while, you might not remember Templeton. Templeton was the rat who lived under the trough in Wilbur's pig pen. He plays an important role in the story. In a nutshell a barn full of animals comes together to save the life of a young pig who is destined for the smoke shack. With Charlotte, a spider, as their leader, they come up with a plan to save Wilbur's life by spinning a web with words in it that describe Wilbur. But coming up with good words is a challenge. So Templeton is sent on missions to find scraps of paper with words on them.

The power and magic of words is a great theme throughout the story.

Using that as the inspiration (as being inspired in oneself) Let the school agers gathered up some old papers and searched for words the kids could use as "their" words. It could be something funny like "eats" because they like to eat a lot. Or maybe "questions" because they love to ask questions all the time. Or "red" because red is their favorite color.

Let it be totally up to the kids to pick any 8 words they want. Talk about the meaning of the words and different ways those words could be used to describe the kids. If someone is stuck on picking out a word, have the children work together to find words they could use.

Then using a simple paper plate, have the children paint the plate, put their name on it, added a couple of googly eyes, then glued on their 8 words to create the legs. Have Fun!⁽²⁾

This activity is under the school Age DRDP: S1 S2 S3 S6 S7 S8

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