



You're Wearing THAT to School?! Activities

1. Penelope in *You're Wearing THAT to School?!* has a colorful, dramatic style. What is YOUR unique style? Do you wear certain kinds of clothing (such as always wearing hats), or always wear a favorite color, or anything else?
2. Read the tips in the back of this book for a Hippo Happy First Day of School. Do you agree with these tips? Why or why not? Add your own tip to this list. What advice would you give to others starting school?
3. Add a new scene to this book—both the words and the illustrations. What other over-the-top thing might Penelope bring to school? What might she bring in her pencil box? Or for a snack? Or for a game to play with others at recess time? Make sure you have Penelope and Tiny say their “oh, yes” and “oh, no” words in your new scene.
4. Perform this book as reader’s theater. You’ll need to create a script, divide up parts, practice, and then perform it.
5. Watch the book trailer for *You're Wearing THAT to School?!* on Lynn Plourde’s website page for this book. It’s a book trailer’s job to make someone want to read that book—sort of like a commercial for the book. Did this trailer make you want to read *You're Wearing THAT to School?!* Why or why not? Try creating your own book trailer for a favorite book.
6. Have a Penelope the Hippo dress-up day. Encourage everyone to dress up in wild, wacky, colorful outfits. Do you think Penelope would say “Oh, yes, yes!” to your outfits?

"Oh, no, no!" Penelope wouldn't want to wear such a simple, plain outfit. Decorate her outfit using crayons, fabric pieces, feathers, wall paper swatches, glitter tape, or whatever to make her shout, "OH, YES, YES!"

