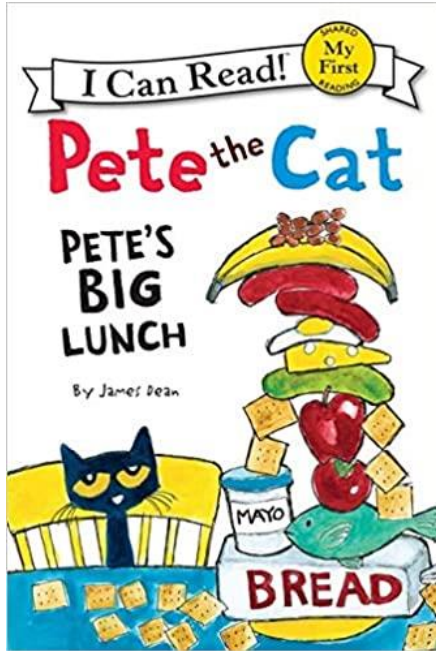


# JUNE



**Pete the Cat – Pete’s Big Lunch** by James Dean. This is a story about our favorite blue cat, Pete, and the interesting sandwich he decides to make himself for lunch. The story shares how Pete makes a sandwich so big that he knows he can’t eat it by himself and invites his friends over to help him. Embedded in this cute little story are some familiar foods as well as great exposure to various preschool concepts. Pete talks about his sandwich being *too small*, needing to *add* more items, and being *too big*. We also hear about *crunchy* crackers and *huge* scoops of ice cream. To work on spatial concepts, you can talk about what food items are on top, in between, and under. For example, have you child find the food that is on top of the fish or under the hot dogs, etc. If your child is able to express spatial terms such as on top, under, and in between, have him/her tell

you where specific foods are i.e. where is the bread? (under the fish) or where is the pickle? (on top of the apple or under the cheese, or in between the cheese and the apple!

This is a great story to share when you might be getting ready to make some sandwiches and have a picnic outside. Enjoy!

## Sample Questions:

Who is this? *Pete*

What time is it? *Lunch time* (you can offer your child verbal choices, time for breakfast or lunch?)

What did Pete get? *He got bread and fish*

What else did he get? *He got tomato and mayo*

Do you like tomatoes/mayo?

Uh oh, Pete thinks his sandwich is too \_\_\_\_\_ (*small*)

What else does Pete put on his sandwich? *Apple, crackers, pickle, cheese, egg, hot dogs, banana, beans, and 3 scoops of ice cream* (if your child has difficulty answering this question, show them the pictures).

Uh oh, now Pete’s sandwich is too \_\_\_\_\_ (*big*)

Who does Pete call? *He calls his friends*

What are the cats doing? *They are riding on skateboards/bike*

Where are they going? *To Pete’s house*

What will they do? *Eat lunch/sandwich*

Who did Pete share his lunch with? *He shared his sandwich with his friends.*