

## Mother Goose Answers

By Juanita Sparks

Dear Mother Goose,

My little daughter, Mary, owns a lamb. The lamb is a sweet little thing, but it follows her to school. Now the teacher and the principal think this is awful. They have had my little Mary in the principal's office for hours on end. They sent me a note demanding that I keep the lamb at home. They have even called me to come and get the creature. The teacher says that the lamb makes the children laugh and play. What is wrong with children laughing and playing at school?

Now, Mary has been expelled, and cannot go back to school if the lamb continues to follow her. What should I do?

Mary's Mom

Dear Mary's Mom,

You do indeed have a problem. A parent must take responsibility for making sure that a minor child respects authority and obeys the rules. In most schools there are certain restrictions on bringing animals to school.

Oh, that poor little innocent lamb. It grieves me to give you this advice. I recommend that you go to your local bookstore and buy my latest book, "Feasting, Not Fasting." It is a cookbook containing many old family recipes. On page 75 you will find my great-grandmother's recipe for roasting lamb. Follow the directions carefully, and that little lamb will no longer follow Mary to school.

By the way, you might also be interested in my other book, "Wear and Tear." It will tell you how to spin the fleece into yarn. Then you can knit a warm sweater, white as snow, to keep you warm this winter.

Mother Goose