

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Farm Tour Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hg2ZX0PF-ji>

Target: sharing ideas

Who Am I?

Materials: In a bag or box, have a variety of stuffed farm animals or puppets or produce. Place your hand in the bag or box and give hints to the children about the type of animal or item it is.

I am yellow and soft and fluffy (duck)

I am yellow and bumpy. I have green stuff around me. When you pull the green stuff off...etc.

(corn on the cob)

Target: teamwork

Read a book about a Farm

Target: sharing ideas

Tasting Dairy Product. Provide many types of milk product: cow milk, goat milk, skimmed milk, cottage cheese, sour cream, cream, yogurt, butter, cheese, and buttermilk. Encourage children to taste and smell. Let children compare the color and the texture.

Target: sharing ideas

Tasting Eggs. Egg is one of the farm animal products. Prepare poached, scrambled, hard-boiled, fried, deviled. Ask children to observe the eggshell, part of the egg, the white and the egg yolk. Let children taste and compare. Let the children have the opportunity to crack an egg.

Target: peer interaction

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

Fine Motor

Milking a Cow

<https://mrsplemonskindergarten.com/2017/05/tot-school-farm.html>



Mix a tiny bit of white paint with water and poured it into a clear latex glove and closed it off with a rubber band. Draw a few spots to make it more cow-like, then with it positioned over a cup or bowl poke a tiny hole in the tips of the fingers “udders” with a small needle. If you make too big of a hole the liquid will just drain out. Have the children take turns squeezing the fingers in the gloves to “Milk the Cow” **Target: grasping**

Pouring and Spooning Grains

Provide different types of grain, such as: rice, corn, and wheat. Mix the put the grains in a bin. Provide the children with different types of containers to scoop and pour. Some kind of tube structure would also make their interactions more interesting. **Target: eye hand coordination**

Wash the Horse

Set up a tray or cookie sheet with an assortment of farm animals. On the tray have a toothbrush, some soap, a dry cloth and a small Dish of water.

Target: grasping



Sheer the Sheep

<https://www.schooltimesnippets.com/2014/06/shear-sheep-cutting-activity.html>

Target: scissor skills

Gross Motor

Ho Down

The barnyard dance is about to begin
Hitch up your pants and jump right in (grab belt loops)
Husk the corn (making husking motion)
Feed the chickens (act like scattering grain)
Crow with the rooster in the early morn
Bow to your partner (bow)
Wave hello (wave)
Clap your hands and tap your toe (Tap Your feet)
Pick the apples (bend down)
Milk the cow (making milking motion)
Hoe the weeds and push the plow
The barnyard dance has come to an end
Kick up your heels and start again.

Target: coordination

Ridin' Race

Have your children race across the playground on a horse (directions for making a horse under intellectual activates)

Target: balance

Chicken Dance

(To the tune: The Chicken Dance)

Play the music and have the children do the classic dance:

Make your hands like talking four times, flap arms like wings four times, wiggle bottom four times, clap Four times, do it again faster!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt81gzlAt18>

Target: co-ordination

Farm Yoga

<https://www.kidsyogastories.com/farm-kids-yoga/>

Target: muscle movement

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

Cognitive

Farm Animal Sort

Cut out a lot of different animals from magazines or print out pictures. Cut or print out some farm animals (sheep, cows, horses) and some non- farm animals (bears, fish, penguins, monkeys etc.) then have the kids place the farm animals inside the barn and keep the other outside.

Target: sorting

What Animal Made That Sound

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCMyh48QWD8>

Use this you tube video as a tool to help the children learn and recognize animal sounds

Target: matching

Pigs in the Mud

<https://modernpreschool.com/clean-muddy-pigs-alphabet-printable-cards/>

Target: letter recognition



Farm Animal Babies Match

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2017/04/farm-babies-matching-activity-free-printables.html>

Target: matching

Animal Sounds Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Woc5c8mePR4>

Target: matching



Language

The Giving Farm Poem

by Vicki Witcher

Hens give eggs.

Pigs give ham.

Cows give milk.

Strawberries give jam.

Bees give honey.

Goats give cheese.

Farms give food,

I'd like some, please!

Target: vocabulary

This is the way we. . .

This is the way we plant the hay
plant the hay, plant the hay

This is the way we plant the hay so early in the morning

This is the way we feed the chickens

Feed the chickens, feed the chickens

This is the way we feed the chickens so early in the morning.

This is the way we chop the wood

chop the wood, chop the wood

This is the way we chop the wood so early in the morning

This is the way we milk the cows

Milk the cows, milk the cows

This is the way we milk the cows so early in the morning. **Target: repetition**

Farm Sounds

Did you ever see a farm?

A farm. . . a farm!

Did you ever see a farm

and all the animals that live there

A pig who says. . . oink, oink, oink

There's a horse who says. . . neigh!

A rooster who say . . . Er-er-er-erh.

A cow who says. . . moo

And a duck who says quack, quack, quack

Target: repetition

Five Little Pigs

Five little pigs rolled in the mud

Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.

The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice

Four little pigs rolled in the mud

Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.

The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice

Three little pigs rolled in the mud

Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.

The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice

Two little pigs rolled in the mud

Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.

The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice

One little pigs rolled in the mud

Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.

The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice

No little pigs rolled in the mud,

They all looked nice and clean

The farmer turned his back and what do you know!

All those little pigs jumped back in the mud. **Target: number recognition**

Animals on the Farm

The pigs on the farm go oink. . .oink. . .oink
Oink. . .oink. . .oink, oink. . .oink. . .oink
The pigs on the farm go oink. . .oink. . .oink
All night long

The sheep on the farm go bah. . .bah . . Bah
Bah. . Bah . . Bah, bah. . Bah . . Bah
The sheep on the farm go bah. . Bah . . Bah
All night long

The cows on the farm go moo. . .moo. . Moo
Moo. . Moo . Moo, moo. . Moo . Moo
The cows on the farm go moo. . Moo . Moo
All night long

The ducks on the farm go quack. . .quack. . . quack
Quack. . Quack . . quack, quack. . Quack . . quack
The ducks on the farm go quack. . Quack . . quack
All night long

Target: repetition

Six Little Pigs

Six little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
Five little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
Four little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
Three little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
Two little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
One little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
No little pigs rolled in the mud,
They all looked clean and good.

The farmer turned his back and then,
Those pigs rolled in the mud again!

Target: number recognition



CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Muddy Pigs

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/awesome-muddy-pig-sensory-art-for-toddlers/>

Target: sensory

Farm Sensory Bin

We just LOVE filling it with corn kernels, adding some **small farm animals**, small pom poms (students can pretend they are veggies), a few small scoops, tiny blocks, and of course a few **small tractors** for some fun sensory pretend play. Students can make a farm, pretending to be the farmer or one of the animals, or scoop the corn.

I bought 7 bags of plain popcorn kernels to fill out

table. <https://pocketofpreschool.com/farm-theme-art-sensory-activities/>

Target: texture



Chicken Painting

Squirt some green and yellow paint on a piece of paper and sprinkle a few pieces of corn on top for texture. Students can exercise those fine motor muscles as they create a finger painting with the **chicken**. Some of my students pretended the chicken was eating the corn as they painted! **Target: creativity**

Variation: paint with corn, toy tractors etc.

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Potato Painting

Farmers grow so many amazing veggies so why not paint with them! It's great fine motor work when they grasp and make prints with the potato. It would also be fun to paint with a few different veggies and see the types of prints or lines each one creates. **Target: creativity**



Ridem Cowboy/Cowgirl

If you can find an old saddle bring it in your home and let your children play with it.

Target: imagination

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Stick Horse

What You Need:

Wrapping Paper Tubes

Cardboard

Paint/Markers/Crayons

Yarn

What You Do:

Ask your parents to donate some Paper Rolls (if you cannot get enough use rolled up newspaper instead). Cut out horse's heads (leave a neck to go inside the tube) from cardboard and let your children design their horse. They can paint them and use yarn for the mane and halter. Help your children attach them with glue and tape. No go out Ridin'!

<https://www.craftymorning.com/kids-horse-craft-made-wrapping-paper-tube/>

Target: self confidence

Farm Animal Playdough

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/farm-animal-play-dough-exploration/>

Target: independence

COOKING

Fruit or Vegetable Salad

Ingredients and Items needed: Any items you want to make the salad, vegetable peelers, plastic knives. Have the children help you rinse the food and then cut and prepare a salad for snack!

Target: cooperation

Vegetable Soup

Ingredients and Items Needed: Send a note home asking each parent to send in one vegetable to make a Friendship Soup! The children help clean, peel and prepare the vegetable. Place all the items in a saucepan with water and some vegetable stock for flavor. Boil for about 45 minutes, enjoy!

Target: teamwork

Book Suggestions for the Library

[Barnyard Banter Board Book](#) by Denise Fleming

[Big Red Barn](#) by Margaret Wise Brown

November 2018- Fun on the Farm

[Green Eggs and Ham](#) by Dr. Seuss

[The Milk Makers \(Reading Rainbow Books\)](#) by Gail Gibbons

[Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm](#) by Joy Cowley

[The Little Red Hen \(Paul Galdone Classics\)](#) by Paul Galdone (though there are many versions! Pick your favorite!)

[The Little Yellow Chicken](#) by Joy Cowley (Spoiler Alert: The Little Yellow Chicken is the grandson of the Little Red Hen!)

[Who's Making That Mess? \(Lift the Flap\)](#) by Jenny Tyler and Philip Hawthorn--GREAT Flip the Flap Book!

[Big Pig on a Dig \(Easy Words to Read\)](#) by Usborne Books

[Pig Gets Stuck](#) by Judy Tatchell