Farm Animals

The sounds, colors, textures, and actions of farm animals provide an abundance of learning opportunities for building vocabulary. They are also fun and can lead to plenty of giggles as you and baby try out a “moo” or a “neigh” or a “quack.”

Ideas & Tips

• Sing “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” and try out the sound of any animal that comes to mind. Exaggerate your mouth movement and see if baby can copy it.
• Make a shaker out of a plastic egg. Fill it with rice or beans and seal it securely with strong tape. Talk about where eggs come from and shake and dance to Laurie Berkner’s song “I Know a Chicken” from her CD “Whaddaya Think of That” (available from PCLS).
• Visit local farm animals at places like Pioneer Farm in Eatonville. Talk about the animals, using your senses. What do you see, smell, touch and hear?
• When traveling, point out cows, horses, goats and other farm animals that you see in pastures.

More Books

• Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming
• Clip-Clop by Nicola Smee
• Hurry! Hurry! by Eve Bunting
• I Went Walking by Sue Williams
• Rosie’s Walk by Pat Hutchins

On a Farm

(Sing to the tune of “London Bridge is Falling Down”)
Animals live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm.
Animals live on a farm, with the farmer.
Cows and pigs live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm.
Cows and pigs live on a farm, with the farmer.
Goats and sheep live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm.
Goats and sheep live on a farm, with the farmer.
Hens and chicks live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm.
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Rhyming Fun

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