Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

BOOKS TO SHARE

- Barnyard Boogie by Tim McCanna
- Clip-Clop! by Nicola Smee
- Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker
- Hello, Farm! by Maddie Frost
- The Greedy Goat by Petr Horáček
- Anywhere Farm by Phyllis Root
- Farm Friends by Julie Clough
- Go Sleep In Your Own Bed! by Candice Fleming
- Click, Clack, Moo by Doreen Cronin
- Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

- Five Pigs So Squeaky Clean [fingerplay]
  [Tune “Five Green and Speckled Frogs”]
  Five pigs so squeaky clean
  Cleanest pigs you've ever seen.
  Wanted to go outside and play.
  Oink! Oink!
  One jumped into the mud.
  Landed with a great big THUD
  Now there are four pigs so squeaky clean.
  [4, 3, 2, 1]

- Old MacDonald
  Old MacDonald had a farm,
  E-I-E-I-O.
  And on his farm he had a pig,
  E-I-E-I-O.
  With an oink, oink here,
  And an oink, oink there,
  Here an oink, there an oink,
  Everywhere an oink, oink,
  Old MacDonald had a farm,
  E-I-E-I-O.
  [verses: horse – neigh, sheep – baaa, rooster – cock-a-doodle-doo, etc.]
Ten Fluffy Chickens [fingerplay]

Five eggs and five eggs [hold up both hands, fingers open]
And that makes ten
Sitting on top is Mother Hen [cover one hand with the other]
Bwak, bwak, bwak,
What do I see?
Ten fluffy chickens [open hands with fingers open again]
Yellow as can be.

This Little Cow [fingerplay]
[Tune: This Little Piggy]

This little cow eats grass
This little cow eats hay
This little cow drinks water
This little cow runs away
And this little cow does nothing
But chew his cud all day!

Who's In The Barnyard? [optional: puppets]

An oink, a moo
A cockledoo
Who's in the barnyard playing peekaboo?
[give your child clues like, ‘this animal is pink and it has a curly tail’]

"I Know a Chicken" by Laurie Berkner (1997)

MORE FUN!

Paper Plate Chicken

Supplies:
White paper plates
Paint and/or markers
Orange and/or yellow construction paper
Scissors
Glue
Feathers (optional)
Google eyes (optional)

Paint or color the plates and let dry.

Fold plate in half with the fold facing upwards.

Fold a small scrap piece of orange or yellow paper in half and cut a triangle shape (with the folded side as one of its three edges) to make your chicken’s ‘beak.’

Glue on: your beak, google eyes (one on each side; you can also draw them on), and feathers. Enjoy!

Let your child get some plastic farm animal figures nice and dirty outside, then have them clean them off with water and some scrubbing tools (toothbrushes, sponges, etc.). This is a great sensory and fine-motor skill building activity.

Make a list with your child of some animals that live on farms and what their babies are called (example -- horse/foal, sheep/lamb, goat/kid). This is a great way to introduce new vocabulary.