

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!



# FARMS/FARM ANIMALS

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY "Animal"



The fingertips touch the chest. The fingers stay straight. The hands pivot inward toward each other twice. Think of the breathing of an animal.

## 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"*]

[*Hold up a finger for each cow as if counting on fingers.*]

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 cockledee

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.

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