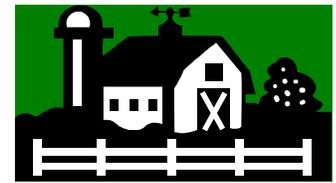




Perry Public Library Storytime



E-I-E-I-O!

Stories we shared:

Chickens to the Rescue: by John Himmelman
Big Red Barn / Margaret Wise Brown

Very Busy Spider: by Eric Carle
I went Walking: by Sue Williams

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

When the rooster crowed: by Patricia Lillie
The big sneeze / Ruth Brown
Moo Baa La La La / Sandra Boynton
Barnyard Dance / Sandra Boynton
Busy Monday morning / Janina Domanska
Leah's pony / Elizabeth Friedrich
Big hand, little hand / written by Judith Herbst
Six crows : a fable / Leo Lionni
The year at Maple Hill Farm / Alice Provensen
Skip to my lou / Nadine Westcott
Calico and tin horns / Candace
My cousin Katie / Michael Garland.
Daddy played music for the cows / Maryann Weidt
Visit to the Graveson's farm / Alice Flanagan
Once upon McDonalds Farm / Stephen Gammell
Farm Alphabet Book / Jane Miller
Gobble Growl Grunt / Peter Spier
It's a perfect day / Abigail Pizer
Seasons on the farm/ Jane Miller
Farm Counting Book / Jane Miller
Farm Life / Elizabeth Spurr
Wake Up Big Barn / Suzanne Chitwood

Tractor / Craig Brown
The Cow Buzzed / Andrea Zimmerman
Cock-a-doodle-doo / Franz Brandenburg
EIEIO / Gus Clarke
Eddy B, pigboy / Olivier Dunrea
Once upon MacDonald's farm / Stephen Gammel
Clara and the bookwagon / Nancy Smiler
Farm morning / David Mc Phail
Least of all / Carol Purdy
Sheep Don't Count Sheep / Margaret Wise Brown
Parents in the pigpen, pigs in the tub / Amy Erlich
Mowing / Jessie Haas
Raising Yoder's Barn / Jane Yolen
Farmer in the dell / Mary Rae
Cows in the parlor/ Cynthia McFarland
Little Peep / Jack Kent
Harvest Home / Jane Yolen
Pigs Say Oink / Martha Alexander
Farmer Duck / Martin Waddell
Color Farm / Lois Ehlert
Farm Trucks / Betsy Imershein
Barn Raising / Craig Brown

Early Literacy Extras:



- ✓ Talk about the names of farm animals such as “chicken” sound out the different parts of the word “chick” and “en” – say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Do the same thing with “donkey, rooster,etc.”
- ✓ Help your child think of words that rhyme with the names of farm animals like “pig” (big, wig, dig) and “cow” (now, how, plow) and the sounds they make “moo” (boo, glue, shoe) – make up silly rhymes with these words.
- ✓ Help your child find things that start with the “F”- “fuh” sound and the sound all around the house (fan, foot, furnace, feather, father,).
- ✓ The sense of rhythm obtained from listening to songs and rhymes will help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Because songs automatically break down words into smaller sounds through tones, singing with your child is one of the best ways develop early literacy skills. Sing familiar songs about the farm such as “Baa Baa Black Sheep,” “Mary Had a Little Lamb ” and “ Old Macdonald”. Try some new ones too (on following pages).
- ✓ Before children can learn letters, they need to be aware of shapes. Look at pictures of a farm and see how many different shapes you can find, or put together a farm puzzle taking notice of how the shapes fit together. Look around the house and see what different shapes you can find

Songs and rhymes to share:

Old MacDonald

This Little Piggy

Grandpa's Farm: *by Raffi on "One Light One Sun"*

Barnyard Dance *by Sandra Boynton on "Rhinceros Tap"*

In the Barnyard

(sung to "Down by the Station")

Out in the barnyard early in the morning

(stretch as if waking up)

See the little yellow chicks standing in a row

(stand up fingers)

See the busy farmer giving them their breakfast

(pretend to scatter seed)

Peep, peep, peep, peep, off they go!

(run fingers away)

Out in the barnyard early in the morning

(stretch as if waking up)

You can hear the piglets squealing up a storm

(cup ear with hand)

Here comes the mama pig, she will feed her babies

(sway back and forth like large pig walking)

Oink, oink, oink, oink, on the farm!

(spread hands)

Ten Galloping Horses *(bounce child on your knees)*

Ten galloping horses came through the town

Five were white and five were brown

They galloped up and galloped down

Ten galloping horses came through town

Milk, Milk, Milk your cow

(sing to "Row Row Row Your Boat")

Milk, Milk, Milk your cow

while sitting on the stool.

Pulling, squirting, pulling, squirting

'till the bucket's full

Barnyard Dance

Act out this poem

The barnyard dance is about to begin,

So hitch up your pants and jump right in!

Pick the apples! Husk the corn!

Crow with the rooster in the early morn!

Bow to your partner! Wave hello!

Clap your hands and tap your toe!

Feed the chickens! Milk the cow!

Hoe the weeds and push the plow!

The barnyard dance has come to an end,

So kick up your heels and start again!

Take Me Out To The Barnyard

(Tune: Take Me Out To The Ball Game)

Take me out to the barnyard

Take me out there right now

Show me the cows, pigs, and horses too,

I hear an oink and a neigh and a moo.

There are chickens laying their eggs,

If they don't lay it's a shame.

For it's one, two, three, eggs today,

Oh, I'm glad I came.

Baa Baa Black Sheep

To Market To Market

Mary Had a Little Lamb

I took a walk

(tap hands on knees)

I took a walk to town one day

I met a cow along the way

What do you think that cow did say?

Moo Moo Moo

**make up your own verses!*

(cat-meow, duck-quack)

The Rooster

The rooster crows each morning

To say the day is new

We all know just what he'll say

It's "cock a doodle doo!" *(flap arms and crow)*

This little cow *(count on fingers – start with pinky)*

This little cow eats grass

This little cow eats hay

This little cow looks over the fence

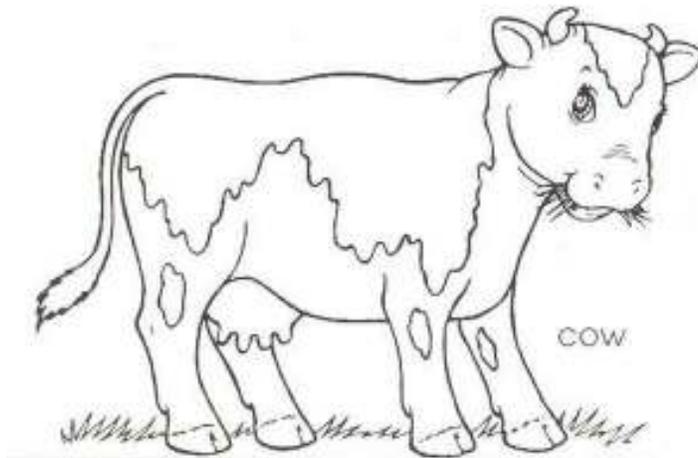
This little cow runs away

But this BIG cow does nothing at all

(touch thumb)

But lie in the fields all day!

(lay thumb across palm)



Here We Go Round The Big Red Barn

(act out verses to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

Here we go round the big red barn, the big red barn, the big red barn

Here we go round the big red barn so early in the morning.

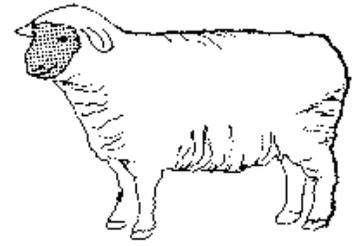
This is the way we milk the cows, milk the cows, milk the cows

This is the way we milk the cows so early in the morning.

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.

*(Continue with other farm chores such as chop wood,
mow hay, slop pigs, plant corn, etc.)*



The Cows On The Farm *(Sung to The Wheels On The Bus)*

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!

- Repeat with...

The sheep on the farm go bah bah bah

The pigs on the farm go oink oink oink

*For additional verses, ask your child
to name their favorite
farm animal and what sound it makes.*

- End with this verse:

The farmer on the farm yells "Go to sleep!"

"Go to sleep!" "Go to sleep!"

The farmer on the farm yells "Go to sleep!"

So I can get my rest *(snore!)*

Two Mother Pigs

Two mother pigs lived in a pen *(show thumbs)*

Each had four babies, and that made ten *(show fingers and thumbs)*

These four babies were black as night *(hold up 4 fingers)*

These four babies were black and white *(hold up 4 fingers of other hand)*

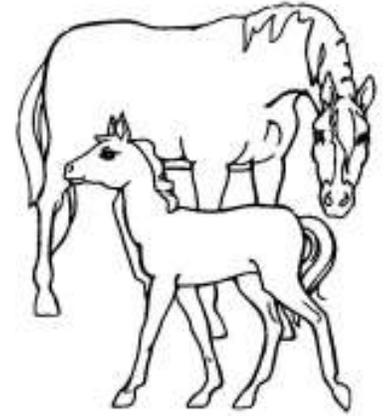
All eight babies loved to play *(wiggle 8 fingers)*

And they rolled and rolled in the mud all day. *(roll hands)*

At night, with their mother, they curled up in a heap, *(make fists, palms up)*

And squealed and wiggled till they fell asleep.

(wiggle 8 fingers, then stop)



Ten Fluffy Chicks

Five eggs and five eggs, that makes ten

(hold up ten fingers)

Sitting on top is warm Mother Hen

(place one hand on top of the other)

Cackle, cackle, cackle, what do I see?

(clap three times, hold out hands)

Ten fluffy chicks, as yellow as can be

(hold up ten fingers)

What the Farm Animals Say

(sing to "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Little pigs say oink, oink, oink,

Oink, oink, oink, oink, oink, oink,

Little pigs say oink, oink, oink,

Oink, oink all day long.

Additional Verses:

Baby cows say moo, moo, moo

Horses gallop all around, all around

Chickens scratch for corn and seeds

Lamb say baa and run around

Kittens meow and chase the mice

Doggies bark and chase the cows

Rosters crow and eat the corn

Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn.

(pretend to blow horn)

The sheep's in the meadow, *(point left)*

The cow is in the corn. *(point right)*

Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?

(Hand over eyes - look around)

He's under the haystack, fast asleep.

(hands under cheek, eyes closed)

Farmer Brown's Apples

(from Sharon, Lois & Bram "Mainly Mother Goose")

Farmer Brown had 5 green apples

Hanging on a tree

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Hanging on a tree

Then he plucked one apple

And ate it hungrily

Leaving 4 green apples hanging on the tree

-repeat with 4,3,2...

Mrs. Hen

Chook, chook, chook, chook, chook,

(make beaks with both hands open and close)

Good Morning Mrs. Hen,

How many chickens have you got?

(hold out hands palms up)

Madam, I've got ten. *(hold up 10 fingers)*

Four of them are yellow. *(hold up 4 fingers)*

And four of them are brown, *(hold up 4 other fingers)*

And two of them are speckled red, *(hold up 2 thumbs)*

the nicest in the town. *(wiggle fingers)*

Match the mother with the baby

