

Down on the Farm

FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters & Sounds:



Shape & Color:

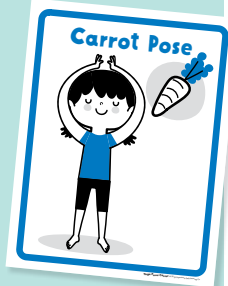


Character Trait:

Patience

Yoga Pose:

Carrot Pose



Number:



Sign Language:



Bring the farmyard fun home by turning everyday moments into barnyard adventures with our Down on the Farm theme! Sing silly songs like “Old MacDonald,” make animal sounds together or cuddle up with a farm-themed story to spark giggles and learning. At mealtime, chat about where carrots, corn or milk come from, just like little farmers do. Grab some toy animals or kitchen tools and let your toddler pretend to gather eggs, feed the sheep or plow the fields. These playful moments help build language, imagination and a joyful connection to the world, one “moo” and “oink” at a time!

Farm Animals: Build language and connect with animals, nature and food through songs, play and stories.

In the Barn: Explore farm life through playful activities that build curiosity and problem-solving skills.

Farm Food: Learn about healthy foods and where they come from by exploring how fruits and vegetables grow on farms.

Farming: Explore farm life through play, building language and understanding as they pretend, sing and learn about animals and crops.

By joining in these activities and reinforcing them at home, you play an important role in supporting your child’s learning and development.



Old MacDonald Sound and Sing



WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
Old MacDonald has a farm—E-I-E-I-O—and on that farm, he might even have a monkey! It's all in good fun as everyone is welcome on the farm and ready for a week full of puzzles, games and playful learning.	Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," pausing before each animal sound and asking, "What sound does the [animal] make?" Encourage your child to make the sound with you. If you have toys or pictures, hold them up as you sing.	This familiar song helps toddlers build animal vocabulary, practice listening and memory and join in with singing and sound-making. These are all important for early language development and confidence.



Farm Animal Parade

WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
What kind of plant is growing in the garden? Point, follow the path and explore this photo-based book to introduce print concepts and new vocabulary to your toddler.	Invite your toddler to march around the room like different farm animals. Say, "Let's be cows!" and walk slowly while saying "moo." Then switch to other animals, like pigs (crawl and oink) or chickens (flap arms and cluck).	This movement game builds vocabulary, supports listening and following directions and helps toddlers connect animal names with their sounds and movements, all while getting the wiggles out!

Wait for the Surprise!



WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
Bear plants a garden, but it hasn't grown, even after a whole day! Maybe Fox can help. Join the Forest Friends to learn why patience is important and rewarding.	Place a toy or snack under a towel and say, "We're going to wait together, then see the surprise underneath!" Set a short timer or count slowly together. When time is up, lift the towel and cheer!	This playful routine helps toddlers practice waiting and self-regulation, building excitement in a low-pressure way. Plus, it's a great chance to bond and giggle together!

Where's Little Boy Blue?



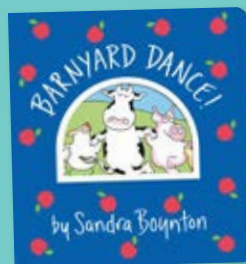
WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
In the story, Little Boy Blue falls asleep while watching over the sheep and cows and doesn't hear his horn being called. Act out the rhyme together.	Recite "Little Boy Blue" together. Have your child pretend to be "sleeping" under a pillow or blanket haystack, then blow the horn to wake them up. Take turns playing different parts of the rhyme, or use a toy animal to represent the sheep or cow.	This activity brings the rhyme to life, helping toddlers build both language and comprehension skills while having fun through movement and role play.

READ WITH ME

Big Red Barn
by Margaret Wise Brown



Barnyard Dance!
by Sandra Boynton



A Farmer's Life for Me
by Jan Dobbins

