



Dear Family Member,

During the next two weeks, your child will be learning about farms. Your child will learn about farm animals: cows, chickens, pigs, and sheep. Your child will learn that farm animals need food, water, and shelter to live and grow. S/he will also learn about food that comes from farm animals.

Below are some activities that you can do with your child to help him/her continue to learn about farms.

1. Welcome to My Farm!

Invite your child to draw a picture of a farm based on what s/he has learned in school about farms, using the background of a farm provided with this letter.

2. Singing “Old MacDonald Had a Farm”

Ask your child to sing this popular children’s song to you. If there is a translation of this song in your native language, sing it with your child.

*Old MacDonald had a farm, E I E I O.
And on his farm he had a [Farm Animal], E I E I O.
With a [XXX - XXX] here and a [XXX - XXX] there,
Here a [XXX], there a [XXX], everywhere a [XXX - XXX]
Old MacDonald had a farm, E I E I O.*

3. Visit a Farm or Petting Zoo

Find out if there is a farm or petting zoo in or around your community that you and your child can visit.

4. Foods from Farms

Next time you and your child go grocery shopping, prepare food, or eat a meal together, talk with your child about foods that come from a farm. Over the next few days, they will learn about dairy, beef, chicken, and pork products. Note: You may wish to explain to/ remind your child that for different reasons, some people do not eat eggs, dairy, or meat.

5. Sayings and Phrases: The Early Bird Gets the Worm

Your child will learn the well-known saying “the early bird gets the worm.” This means that there are rewards for doing things earlier or being early. For example, getting the best seat at a show if you arrive early. Someone who does things early can be called an “early bird.” Find opportunities to use this saying when your child is or is not being the “early bird.”



Vocabulary List for Farms (Part 1)

This list includes many important words your child will learn about in *Farms*. Try to use these words with your child in English and in your native language. Next to this list are suggestions of fun ways your child can practice and use these words at home.

- ☐ crops
- ☐ pastures
- ☐ shelter
- ☐ tools
- ☐ grazing
- ☐ herd
- ☐ hatch
- ☐ peck
- ☐ perching
- ☐ litter
- ☐ valuable
- ☐ wallow
- ☐ fleece
- ☐ flock
- ☐ shepherd

Directions: Help your child pick a word from the vocabulary list. Then help your child choose an activity and do the activity with the word. Check off the box for the word. Try to practice one word each day in English and in your native language.

	Draw it
	Count the number of letters
	Find an example
	Tell a friend about it
	Act it out
	Make up a song using it