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FARM ANIMALS

A pathfinder designed for preschool through grade 2 children to help you find resources on farm animals in the West Springfield Public Library Youth Department.

> Parent/Teacher Materials <

PARENT J372.21/HER

Herr, Judy and Yvonne Libby. Creative Resources of Birds, Animals, Seasons, Holidays. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers, 1998.

"Each theme contains a flowchart, theme goals, concepts for the children to learn, theme-related vocabulary words, music, fingerplays, science, dramatic play, creative art experiences, sensory, mathematics, cooking experiences and resources."

PARENT J372.41/BOO

Henry, Lucia Kemp. Booktime! Animals. Greensboro, NC: The Education Center, Inc., 2000.
Literature-based thematic units.

PARENT J372.6/FAR

Dare, Michele M., et. al., editors. Farm Animals: preschool/ kindergarten. Greensboro, NC: The Education Center, Inc., 1999.

"The Best of The Mailbox Theme Series." Teaching ideas on the theme of farm animals.

> Non-fiction <

J636/JAC

Jacobsen, Karen. Farm Animals. Chicago: Children's Press, 1981.

Briefly describes some of the most common farm animals: chickens, cows, pigs, sheep, goats, and horses.

J636.01/FAR

Farm Animals. Chicago: Rand McNally & Co., 1979.

Simple text written in first person perspective from each group of farm animals and color photographs introduce the subject to young students.

J636.01/MON

Moncure, Jane Belk. Thank You, Animal Friends. Elgin, IL: Children's Press, 1975.

Color illustrations and simple text show the benefits humans get from typical farm animals.

> Fiction <

EJ/EGA

Egan, Tom. Serious Farm. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2003.

Farmer Fred takes his work very seriously and so do his animals, until

they decide they need to make the farm more fun and set out to find a way to make Farmer Fred laugh.

EJ/KUT

Kutner, Merrily. Down on the Farm. New York: Holiday House, 2004.

Simple rhyming text describes the sounds and activities of animals during a day on the farm.

EJ/MCC

McCall, Francis X. A Huge Hog is a Big Pig: A Rhyming Word Game. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2002.

A variety of mostly farm animals are introduced with such phrases as a granny nanny, a soggy doggy, and a loose goose.

EJ/BOARD/STA

Stanley, Mandy; illustrator. On the Farm. New York: Kingfisher, 2002.

Introduces young children to a selection of words in a child-friendly format.

OVERSIZED/EJ/BRO

Brown, Margaret Wise. Big Red Barn. New York: HarperCollins, 1989.

"Big Book" version of classic. Rhymed text and illustrations introduce the many different animals that live in the big red barn.

> **Video** <

JDVD/CLI

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type...and More Fun on the Farm.

Based on the book by Doreen Cronoin. Norwalk, CT: Weston Woods. Distributed by New Video Group, 2002.

A bunch of literate cows go on strike after Farmer Brown refuses to give in to their typed demands of electric blankets when the barn gets too cold.

VIDEO/J636.01/FAR

See How They Grow: Farm Animals. Produced and directed by Tom Gordon. New York: Sony Kids' Video, 1995.

See how the barnyard is a perfect playground for chickens, pigs, calves and lambs as they frolic toward young adulthood.

> **Theme Kit** <

WSPG JUV KIT

Farm Kit.

A collection of books, video, audio, toys, and manipulatives appropriate for use in an early childhood unit on farms and farm animals.

> **Websites** <

Farm-Theme Resources Page. Maintained by Michelle Weber, Seton Catholic School, Pesota, IA. Viewed, March, 2005.

<http://www.geocities.com/webeme76/farm.html>

A webpage with links to activities and great sites for teaching children about farms and farm animals including a suggested reading list.

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