

Grade Level

PreK – 2nd Grade

Duration

45min

Activity Type

Dramatic Play

Farm

Goal:

To introduce students to the animals that live on a farm and the importance of domestic animals to humans.

Objectives:

1. To discover different types of domestic animals and the products they produce.
2. To understand the different daily tasks of a farmer.
3. To develop empathy towards animals.

Standards:

PK.AL.1: Actively engages in play as a means of exploration and learning.

K.SL.1: Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse peers and adults in small and large groups and during play.

Materials:

- Stuffed animals
- Toy food items (such as eggs, milk, and vegetables)
- Baskets
- Toy horseshoes
- Toy shears
- Toy tractor
- Hair/fur brush
- Baby bottles
- Soil bin with shovels
- Buckets/pails
- Overalls, gloves, and hats

Procedure:

Classroom Preparation

Set-up the dramatic play area in your classroom with appropriate materials to mimic a farm. Use stuffed animals or animal toys to play the part of the farm animals. Some examples of common farm animals are cows, pigs, sheep, goats, horses, and chickens. If you want to give your students the option to dress-up, consider purchasing overalls, gardening gloves, and hats.

In the materials list, we have given some recommendations for items that can bring your classroom farm to life. Be sure to have everything set-up before the students come to play in your classroom's dramatic play area.

Introduction

Tell your students that today they will pretend to be farmers taking care of animals. Introduce them to the

domestic animals that live on a farm. Domestic animals are animals that are taken care of by people and provide us with food, fiber, work, or even friendship! They are different from wild animals who do not need people to take care of them. Demonstrate how to safely play/use the items you have provided. See below for examples of play your students can engage in.

Farm

There are endless possibilities for different types of play. Your students can:

- Gather eggs and collect them in a basket
- Pretend to milk a cow or goat and collect the milk in a bucket or pail
- Pretend to file and take care of the hooves of a horse
- Brush the wool of a sheep and pretend to shear its fur
- Feed the cows some corn or give the baby animals bottles of milk
- Pretend to plant some vegetables in the garden