



**Let's visit the farm with these activities picked just for you!**

**Gross Motor:** Cover a cube-shaped tissue box with contact paper or plain wrapping paper. On each side of the cube, help your child draw a farm animal- cow, duck, horse, pig, chicken, rooster. Then, roll the dice and act like the animal that is shown on the top square! Can your child gallop like a horse? Can they roll in the mud like a pig? Can they waddle like a duck? You can also use the dice to decide what animal you will come next when singing "Old McDonald Had a Farm".

**Memory:** Most toddlers have some collection of farm animals but if yours doesn't, they are pretty inexpensive to pick up at a grocery or Dollar store. Take a baking sheet and set the farm animals out on it. If you want to, place real dirt or grass on the pan to make it "authentic" that can be fun too! Tell your child to look at all of the animals and then ask them to close their eyes. Take one animal away and then ask your child if they can tell you which animal is missing. This memory game can become more challenging by taking more than one animal away or by creating designated areas for each animal and having your child place them back in the correct area. For example, have a pig placed in a small area of dirt; a cow placed in some grass; and a horse in a handful of Cheerios. Take each animal away and see if your child can put them back in the correct places. Strengthening your child's memory will directly impact their success in future cognitive skills such as learning to read and write!

**Snacks:** Hens give us eggs and cows give us milk so let's make some scrambled eggs for a snack! Just for fun, place the eggs in a spot outside where your child can find them and say, "Wow! A hen must have laid her eggs!" Help your child crack the eggs into a bowl and whip them with a fork. Then, take a food service glove or even a Ziploc bag and fill it about half-way with milk. Prick holes in the fingers or bottom of the bag and have your child squeeze the milk into the whipped eggs just like they would squeeze the utters on a cow to get milk! Whip up some scrambled eggs straight from the farm!



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