

Old McDonald Had a Farm



Domain:

- Language, Cognitive

Objectives:

- Child will sing familiar words and phrases from the song *Old McDonald*.
- Child will choose and identify an animal that is used in the song.
- Child will correctly imitate the sound that the animal makes.
- Child will place his/her animal in the basket at the appropriate time.

Materials:

- Basket or box
- Plastic or stuffed animals and insects that are found in the story.

Instructions:

- Teacher will place a variety of farm animals in a box or basket. Make sure that you have provided more animals than children so that the last child has an opportunity to make a choice.
- Take out the animals out of the basket one at a time.
- Discuss the name and sound of each animal.
- Place the animals on the floor in front of the children.
- Introduce the song *Old McDonald*.

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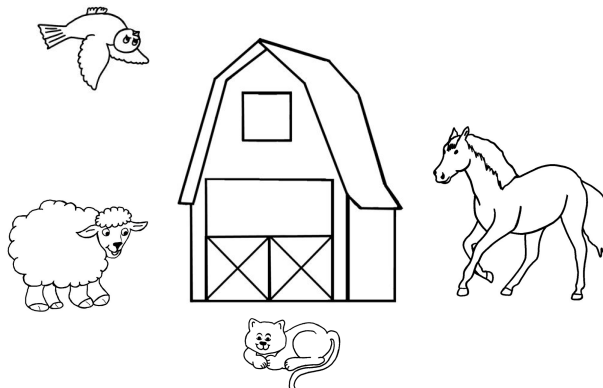
E-I -E-O

And on this farm he had a _____.

- Stop at this point and choose a child to come up and select an animal from those provided on the floor. (for example a cow)
- Encourage him/her to tell you which animal he/she has chosen, and the sound that it makes.



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- Continue singing the song repeating the last line previously sung:
 And on this farm he had a cow
 E-I-E-I-O
 With a moo, moo here,
 And a moo, moo there.
 Here a moo. There a moo.
 Everywhere a moo, moo.
 Old McDonald had a farm.
 E-I-E-I-O
- Repeat song until each child has had the opportunity to choose an animal.
- Every child should have an animal or insect at the end of the song.
- At the end of the activity, the animals can be returned to the basket when the teacher asks for animals by the sound that they make: "Who has an animal that says quack, quack, quack?" Then ask the child to name his animal and return it to the basket.
- Animals may also be returned to the basket by asking directly for the animal by name. ("Who has a pig?")
- Animals may be returned to the basket by describing the animal. (Who has an animal who gives us milk?")
- When children are familiar with the plastic or stuffed animals, *Talking Animal* animal identification cards may be used. pp. 19-30

Old Mc- Don -ald had a farm E- I - E - I - O

And on this farm he had a cow E - I - E - I - O

With a moo moo here and a moo moo there.

Here a moo. there a moo. Ev - erv where a moo moo.

Old Mc- Don -ald had a farm E- I - E - I - O