



Purposeful Ongoing Play

Enhancing Language Skills Through Play

Parent Tip Sheet (P.O.P. Sheet) on...
Farm Toys

- * Below are some ideas that may be used, but don't feel you have to use them all every time you play with farm toys. Just pick 2 or 3 that you feel comfortable with and can easily do.
 - * repeating their names naturally throughout play.
 - * Compare and contrast the animals, talking about they eat, where they sleep, and what they look like.
- * As you take out the farm toys and animals, name each item or mention something specific about it as you lay it out in your play area, such as "Here's the red barn!" or "Look, we have 3 horses!"
 - * Make a farm-related craft or color a farm-related coloring page together. There are many wonderful websites that provide free templates for coloring and crafts.
- * As you play, imitate the sound each animal makes (e.g. cow-moo, sheep-baa, horse-neigh, dog-woof, cat-meow, duck-quack, pig-oink, and so on).
 - * For a more advanced activity, if you have baby farm animals, introduce their special names (cow-calf, sheep-lamb, horse-foal, dog-puppy, cat-kitten, duck-duckling, pig-piglet).
- * Sing *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* together using the farm animals as props.
 - * Read a farm-related storybook with your child, one with lots of vivid illustrations.
- * Be sure to introduce each farm item you have (barn, silo, fences, tractor, farmer, hay cart, hay, etc.),
 - * Enjoy farming!



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