

All my life through, the new sights of Nature made me rejoice like a child.

Marie Curie



## Your Weekly News & Updates

Our curriculum for this week is "Life on a Farm". Farming is important for our life. Farm animals produce many things for our life. In preschool farm animals theme children will learn how farm animals helps us as well as who and how to take care farm animals. There are many creative ways to incorporate the farm theme.

### ART CENTER

Fruit and Vegetable Prints

Materials Needed: Cut different fruits and vegetables in half for the children to paint with. Try peppers, star fruit, apples, oranges...each make a great design on the paper!

Cotton Ball Sheep

Materials: Black paper, cotton balls, googly eyes Cool looking sheep!

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### BLOCK CENTER

Make a Barnyard. Provide plastic farm animal and farm equipment toys to make a barnyard.

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### DRAMATIC CENTER

Veterinarian. Put veterinarian prop box in dramatic area. Include item such as : stethoscope, thermometer, band aids and syringe, etc. Use stuffed animal as a patients.

Farmer. Gather farmer clothes and prop. Include hats, overall, boots, scarves, gardening toys such as : rake, shovel, watering can, etc.

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### LANGUAGE ART CENTER

Auditory Memory

The Animals Go Marching. Arrange three or four farm animal on the board. Say those in a specific order, and then ask one child to rearrange them in that order.

Skill : Auditory Discrimination

Name Two Words. Name two words that related with farm animal. If they are same, children stand up. If they are different, children sit down. For example : teacher say, "horse, horse", children stand up. Teacher say, "pig, cow", children sit down.

The word that you can use : turkey, pig, chicken, horse, duck, cow, sheep, piglet, chick, hen, rooster, calf, lamb, cock, gobble, bleat, crow, cluck, quack, barn, stable, farm, farmer etc.

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#### MANIPULATIVE CENTER

Skill : Pouring and Spooning

Pouring and Spooning Grain. Provide different types of grain, such as : rice, corn, and wheat.

Have children pour grain over plastic tube. Give them a spoon and ask them to fill up the plastic tube with the grain.

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#### MATH CENTER

Skill : Sorting and Sets

Big and Small Farm Animals. Provide 2 sets of farm animals. One set is big and then the second set is small. Make 2 sorting boxes made from shoe box. Let the children sort picture cards big and small objects.

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#### SCIENCE CENTER

Tasting Dairy Product. Provide many types of milk product : cow milk, goat milk, skimmed milk, cottage cheese, sour cream, cream, yogurt, butter, cheese, and buttermilk. Encourage children to taste and smell. Let children compare the color and the texture.

Feather Observation. Observe various types of feathers. Duck, chicken and/or turkey feather. Use magnifying glass. Discuss their purposes, such as keeping animal warm. Put the feather in the water to see if they float. Talk to the children why they float.

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#### COOK WITH KIDS

Cooking with children helps develop their math skills and helps them to learn how to follow directions. It also allows for some great conversation!

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## Our biggest news this week!

**Our Western spaghetti supper is Wednesday night at 6:00. Chef Joel is preparing the homemade spaghetti sauce while Debbie and Jeanette provide the sides. It will be delish!**



We are going to have such a great event and everyone needs to come. Magicians, cowboys, and singing are just some of the fun. The children will sing their Chapel songs that they have been learning.

Our raffle ticket sale is going on right now. Of course you can purchase them Wednesday at the event too.

- 40" Smart TV
- 1 weeks free tuition
- 2 airline tickets to lower 48 states
- There will also be chances to win a variety of door prizes.

**If anyone would like to contribute a door prize to our fundraiser that would be greatly appreciated. Quite often parents work at places that would not mind donating a small door prize for advertisement. Please contact Patti if this is possible. I know this is late notice, but please consider this.**

So put on your cowboy boots and hats and come on out for a great time on Wednesday night. Good fellowship, fun interaction with kids, a delicious meal, chances to go home with a special prize and all happening in a clean Christian environment.

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### **Spotlight**

This week the staff and teachers of the Child Development Center would like to share our appreciation for the love, support and generosity shown to us by the First

Presbyterian Church and its members. FPCDC is the premier childcare center in Gainesville, GA. You have made a wonderful choice by placing your child here. But the Child Development Center would not be a star-rated center without the love and guidance of the First Presbyterian Church.

we thank you 

**As always thank you for letting us love your children.**



**Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week is coming  
soon.**

**Please take a minute this week to express any special feelings you might want to share with your child's teacher.**

**We will be planning some special surprises for the teachers during this week. If you would like to help, please see Patti.**

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