

PRESCHOOL

READ

In English

Carnivores (2013) by Aaron Reynolds and Dan Santat. Funny text about a lion's place in the food chain. A favorite for rowdy read-alouds.

Food Chains and Webs (2016) by Abbie Dunn. Simple introduction to food chains; includes learning activity for preschool and up.

Good Night, Little Blue Truck (2019) by Alice Schertle and Jill McElmurry (or any Little Blue Truck book). Farm animals take a bedtime joyride; a fun adventure story for a stormy day.

Hogwash (2011) by Karma Wilson. Bouncy rhyming verse about dirty pigs who love their mud.

If You Plant a Seed (2015) by Kadie Nelson. A bunny and mouse plant a garden; fresh yet timeless.

Leap Frog (2020) by Jane Clarke and Britta Teckentrup. Forest creatures in their favorite spots. Onomatopoeic text and vibrant pictures work well in storytime.

Mother Bruce (2015) by Ryan T. Higgins. Everyone's favorite grumpy bear adopts baby geese but cannot get them to fly south. Good for storytime laughs.

Old MacDonald Had a Truck (2016) by Steve Goetz. Great for storytime, this book gives a new twist on a song preschoolers are sure to know.

Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas (2019) by Aaron Blabey. Quick, jaunty rhymes make for an engaging read-aloud.

The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter (2019) by Shabazz Larkin. A tribute to bees that pollinate the food we eat.

When a Wolf Is Hungry (2017) by Christine Naumann-Villemin and Kris Di Giacomo. A darkly humorous tale great for read-alouds.

Bilingual/Spanish

El camioncito azul (2008) by Alice Schertle and Jill McElmurry. (Spanish; also available in English)

¡El gallo que no se callaba! / The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! (2017) by Carmen Agra Deedy and Eugene Yelchin. A rooster sings for freedom in a too-quiet town. (Bilingual)

I Got a Chicken for My Birthday (2018) by Laura Gehl and Sarah Horne. A disappointing birthday gift turns out to be not so bad. (English with Spanish words)

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La oruga muy impaciente (2019) by Ross Burach. A STEM-friendly book about a caterpillar's metamorphosis. (Spanish; also available in English)

The Piñata that the Farm Maiden Hung (2019) by Samantha R. Vamos and Sebastià Serra. Farm animals craft a surprise birthday party in this colorful and festive story. Cumulative verse gives Spanish words for animals introduced on the previous page. (English with Spanish words).

La vaca que se subió a un árbol (2015) by Gemma Merino (Spanish; also available in English)

¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat (2020) by Raúl the Third. A riotous tour of food trucks peppered with Spanish words. Recommended across the board. (English with Spanish words)

SING

Rhyme: Five Angry Ants

See video from Jbrary here: <https://bit.ly/3g3uf5d>

Five hungry ants were marching in a line (bounce five fingers)

They came across a picnic

Where they could dine

They marched across the sandwich, (walk fingers)

They marched across the cake, (walk fingers)

They marched across the pepper, (walk fingers)

That was a mistake!

Ah-chooooo!

Add verses by counting down to one ant (optional)

Song: Six Little Ducks

Lead this song standing up, and have children follow you around in a circle repeating "quack, quack, quack."

Six little ducks that I once knew,

Fat ones, skinny ones, fair ones too.

But the one little duck with the feather on his back,

He led the others with his quack, quack, quack!

Quack, quack, quack! Quack, quack, quack!

He led the others with his quack, quack, quack!

Down to the river they would go,

Wibble wobble, wibble wobble, to and fro.

But the one little duck with the feather on his back,

He led the others with his quack, quack, quack!

Quack, quack, quack! Quack, quack, quack!

He led the others with his quack, quack, quack.

TIP:

For more farm animal songs, share classics "B-I-N-G-O" and "The Farmer in the Dell."

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Song/Movement: B-I-N-G-O (Spanish)

To the same tune as “B-I-N-G-O.” Begin each verse by calling out the movement.

Había un granjero que tenía un perro
y se llamaba Bingo.
B-I-N-G-O x 3
Y se llamaba Bingo.

Verses:

(¡Aplaudan!) ...	
(B)-I-N-G-O x 3 ...	Clap on silent “B”
(¡Toquen sus piernas!) ...	
(B-I)-N-G-O x 3 ...	Tap legs on silent “B-I”
(¡Toquen su estómago!) ...	
(B-I-N) G-O x 3 ...	Tap belly on silent “B-I-N”
(¡Toquen su cabeza!) ...	
(B-I-N-G) -O x 3	Tap head on silent “B-I-N-G”
(¡Salten!)	
(B-I-N-G-O) x 3 ...	Jump on silent “B-I-N-G-O”

Song: El Viejo Juancho

Translation of “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” by Paola Ferate-Soto, adapted with “rancho” instead of “granja.”

El viejo Juancho tenía un rancho, iai, iai, oo.
Y en su rancho tenía un marrano, iai, iai, oo.
Con su oink, oink aquí, con su oink, oink allí,
Aquí oink, allí oink, en todos lados oink, oink.
El viejo Juancho tenía un rancho, iai, iai, oo.

Verses:

Vaca: Mu, mu
Pollito: Pío, pío
Caballo: Neigh, neigh
Oveja: Bee, bee
Perro: Guau, guau
Gato: Miau, miau

PLAY / TAKE HOME

Animal Food Matching

Download and laminate pictures of animals and their food, and have children match up the cards. They could also arrange and attach the cards to baking sheets with magnets. See Printables for resizable images, or print them onto one page for a take-home version.

Spanish/English

un marrano = pig
una vaca = cow
un pollito = chick
una oveja = sheep
un perro = dog
un gato = cat

EARLY LITERACY TIP:

When preschoolers practice sorting, they develop their ability to notice, process, and categorize the world around them.

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Children sort animals into one of two labeled bins (e.g., furry/scaly, tame/wild, small/big, land/water, etc.). To prepare, print pictures of 5 to 10 animals and laminate them for durability (or use storytime felts). Modify categories to suit your program and children's ages.

Help Animals Find Food

Children trace different types of lines that lead from animals to their food. This activity helps them to remember what animals eat and strengthens their hand muscles for learning to write letters. You could also give this worksheet to caregivers as a take-home activity.

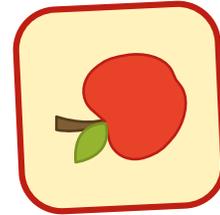
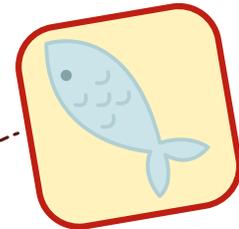
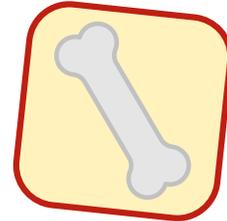
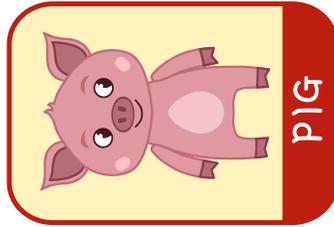
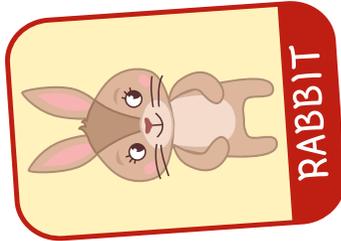
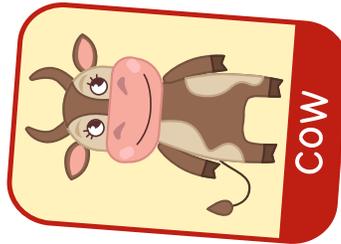
RESIZABLE DOWNLOAD

(SEE ONLINE MANUAL OR USB)

Cute Animal Icons

WHAT DO THEY EAT?

LEARNING CARDS



Help Animals Find Food

Handwriting practice

