



PEP TALK

Parents and Educators Partner (PEP) and Talk

May

Themes This Month

Farm, Ranch, & Dairy

Plants, Animals & Foods

This month we will study plants and animals that are grown on farms and ranches. We will discover many foods that are developed from plant, animal, and milk products.

Parents help us learn when they...

- * Teach us what kind of animals live on a farm, ranch, or a dairy.
- * Tell us how people and animals are alike and different
- * Shop with us at the grocery store and help us name and describe foods we eat.
- * Help us make lists of foods we eat and name our favorites.
- * Read labels on food packages and teach us how to decide if the food has ingredients that are healthy and good for our bodies.

Discuss how foods are prepared (baked, fried) and served (hot, cold, cooked, uncooked).



Connecting Learning at School & Home

1. Name and demonstrate "how to" care for plants and animals, including caring for people & relationships.
2. Read books about animal care, nutrition and foods, and good health habits.
3. Assign responsibilities that help us learn "how to" follow through and complete small jobs or chores at home.



How do parents build deep word meanings?

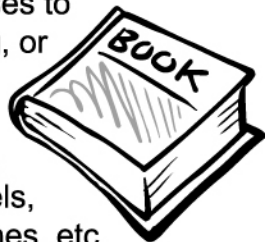
- * Label and name objects for young children and describe the object.
- * Identify colors and shapes or combination of colors and shapes, and estimate the size (big, little or small, large).
- * Use short sentences and simple words to describe things. "That is a red box. It has corners".

Learning like this is called "scaffolding"

Build concept upon concept so that the information makes sense. We comprehend and remember when we think about and use the information.

What parents can do...

- * Read to and with your child.
- * Read aloud the road signs, maps, grocery store signs, etc. Build print awareness and knowledge about how print communicates information.
- * Verbalize your thinking processes to demonstrate strategic planning, or "how to" get things done.
- * Name colors, shapes, sizes, and lowercase alphabet letters that appear on signs, food labels, containers, newsprint, magazines, etc.
- * Speak clearly pronouncing each word and closing the ending sounds. (going, not goin')



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