

OVERVIEW

"Old Macdonald's Farm" acknowledges that the national Early Years Learning Framework has placed specific emphasis on play-based learning, but recognizes the importance of communication and language, (including literacy and numeracy), as well as social and emotional development.

It is within this framework that "Old Macdonald's Farm" has prepared activities that will assist young children with learning basic concepts through the following five learning areas.

Social & Personal Learning:

- co-operating with others in social situations
- increasing independence and responsible behaviour

Health & Physical Learning:

- using and extending gross and fine-motor skills when integrating movement and using equipment

Language Learning & Communication:

- using spoken language in various situations
- using understandings to predict and make meaning of different texts
- interacting in formal and informal groups settings through activities which include attentive listening

Early Mathematical Understanding:

- investigating and communicating numbers, patterns, quantities, position, order, sequence, movement and direction

Active Learning Processes:

- thinking - generating and discussing ideas, creating plans and solving problems
- investigating the natural world - sharing understandings about the natural world
- investigating technology - using technology to explore the natural world
- investigating a variety of ways to sustain environments

"Old Macdonald's Farm - Kindergarten Year" has been specifically written to assist young children in their formative years, during which they are familiarised with the basics before formal education commences.

This booklet includes:

1. Teacher activity suggestions and games.
2. Reproducible activity masters for use in the later stages of the kindergarten year.

Specific concepts include: art activities, pre-writing activities, eye-hand co-ordination, co-operation, gross and fine motor skills, memory, picture comprehension, role playing, movement and dance, rhyming words, word activities, similarities/differences, listening skills, counting, number activities, grouping, matching, comparing, spatial awareness, estimation, sequence of order and problem solving.