



<p><u>Learning Themes:</u> Farm and Gardening/Bugs Holiday: Memorial Day - Monday, May 31st</p>	<p><u>Learning Concepts:</u> farm animal identification (common names & sounds); outside gardening & planting; imitation; pretend play; prepositions; cause & effect</p>
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These are not date specific, so you can pick whatever works for your family. You may want to try them all or pick a few favorites to do more than once. The idea is to have fun.

1. Pretend play with farm animals Barn, farm animals, tractor, farmer (could also use stuffed animals).
2. Go for a walk and see what animals you see or hear. Imitate the sounds, label it: cat-meow,
3. Put toys in a wagon and have them pull it.
4. Smell flowers.
5. Story: Mrs. Wishy Washy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxmFDa9zdNM>
6. Pick flowers or a handful of grass.
7. Go outside and push a wheelbarrow or a box with something heavy in it.
8. Art: Paper plate ladybug: Paint a paper plate red and let it dry. Dip something small and round into black paint to add dots on the dry red plate.
9. Snack: Pig Pancake: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/807762883153279936/>
10. Have them try to blow bubbles or spin around, so the bubbles blow from the wind.
11. Build a stall with blocks or boxes or cans to contain their animal or park their tractor.
12. Put a piece of tape on the animals and have them peel it off.
13. Sing old MacDonalld had a farm.
14. Set up empty bottles and have them throw or kick a ball to knock them down.
15. Find a short container with a lid; poke eight holes in the lid. Cut straws and put one in each hole, so it is sticking out. Have them take them out and put them back in the hole.
16. Work on open and close: Find a variety of containers with lids. Put small farm animals in a box, plastic egg, a jar, or a yogurt container with a lid. Have them open and take an animal out or put an animal in and close the lid.
17. Snack: Ant on a log: Pretzel stick, put peanut butter on the pretzel, stick raisins or craisins on peanut butter
18. Pretend to be an animal, bee, dog, cat, chicken, duck, horse, cow, rooster, butterfly, grasshopper
19. Art: Paint with tractors and animals, make wheel marks of tractor on paper, an animal footprint on paper with paint.
20. Sensory Activity: Mud or dirt and water in a bin. Put animals and tractors in mud. Have a paintbrush to wipe or wash the mud off.
21. Snack: Pig: Baby Bagel with cream cheese (face), Banana (nose), chocolate chip (eyes), strawberry(ears) <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/723742602601903690/>
22. Read or watch: Down on the Farm: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usaNJILopQI>
23. Sensory Table Plant Flowers: Beans, Shovel, Fake Flowers, Flower Pot
24. Plant a seed with your child and watch it grow
25. Snack: Serve foods from the Book A Very Hungry Caterpillar: Apple, Strawberry, Orange, Plum, Pear, Cheese, Sausage, chocolate cake, ice cream, pickle, salami, lollipop, cherry pie, watermelon, cupcake
26. Sensory Activity: Plastic Bugs, Easter Grass or real grass, Magnifying Glass, Small Net, Bug Catcher house or container to put them in, and Tweezers
27. Snack: Butterfly: Cheese stick for the body, pretzels for antennas, Orange round cut in ¼ for wings
28. Put a piece of tape on the animals and have them peel it off.
29. Art: Color on a piece of plain paper. When coloring is done, cut it into the shape of a butterfly
30. Sing the itsy bitsy spider or baby bumblebee.

