

## Literature Connections—The Farmer in the Dell

1. Read The Farmer in the Dell picture book, such as
  - a. The Farmer in the Dell by Ilse Plume
  - b. The Farmer in the Dell by Pam Adams
  - c. The Farmer in the Dell illustrated by John O'Brien
  - d. The Farmer in the Dell: A Singing Game pictures by Mary Maki Rae
  - e. The Farmer in the Dell illustrated by Alexandra Wallner
2. Play "The Farmer in the Dell" circle singing game
3. Cut and paste pictures for Made From Milk (cut and paste version) by ST, 2004
4. Start the cheese making process (be sure to use kitchen math/science), recipes online, such as:
  - a. <https://cheesemaking.com/products/30-minute-mozzarella-recipe>
  - b. <https://www.culturesforhealth.com/learn/recipe/cheese-recipes/farmer-cheese>
  - c. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3KuyXBrijLc>
5. Watch a farm video, such as:
  - a. "John Deere Fun on the Farm", "John Deere Farm Days"
  - b. "Farm Country Ahead"
  - c. "Barney: Let's Go to the Farm"
  - d. "Mickey's Farm"
  - e. "Fun on the Farm Party"
  - f. Baby Einstein "Baby Dolittle", "Neighbourhood Animals", "Animal Homes" . . .
6. Free play with farm figures (include people figures for the farmer, his wife, nurse, child...)
7. Other options:
  - a. Taste different kinds of cheeses
  - b. Make other cheese foods, such as mac 'n cheese, toasted cheese sandwich, etc.
  - c. "Cut the cheese" math—cut shapes from slices, cut cubes and count, etc.
  - d. Make "cheesy" faces with round cheese slices, and other foods (olive slice eyes, etc.)
  - e. Visit a farm, a farm store, or farmer's market
  - f. Visit a dairy or a cheese making factory
  - g. Look at other picture books about farms, farm animals
  - h. Read/sing "Three Blind Mice"
  - i. Make farm animal sounds/play farm animal charades
  - j. Make a farm animal chorus: each person makes the sound of a different farm animal and all "sing" "The Farmer in the Dell", or another favorite song
  - k. Check out different kinds of milk . . . how many kinds of milk do people use/drink around the world?
  - l. Make/try other milk products, such as yogurt, ice cream . . .