

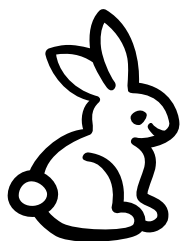
Farm On Tour



Animal Poetry

Students will have a chance to see, smell, hear and touch a sampling of the Loma Vista Farm's animals while they are "on tour" at your school. You can take advantage of this experience to develop language back in class.

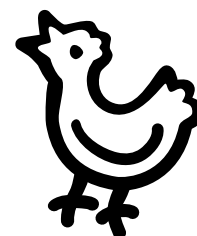
List the name of each farm animal on a piece of butcher paper or chart paper, i.e. rabbit, chicken, goat, turkey. Have students generate words to describe each animal--how each animal moved, acted, smelled, felt, the sounds that each animal made, what each animal looked like (head, nose, eyes, ears, mouth, feet, tail, skin covering, body shape, colors)



Use these words to make class and/or individual poems or books.

Rabbits are...
Chickens are....

Goats are...
Turkeys are...



You may want to have students illustrate these poems and books.

Below are samples of poems written by first graders at Lincoln School after a visit to the Farm. They were published in the Spring 1988 Loma Vista Farm/Garden Gazette.

Turkeys are...

Making their tails look like a fan
Red, white and blue headed
Puffing up
A good animal for a pet
Gobbling, trying to scare us
Happy, bald-headed

- Lisa Willard

Goats are...

Cute
Lovable
Jumping
Laying and
Pretty

- Andrea Charette

Geese are...

Trying to get attention
Guarding each other
White, orange, happy
Web-footed
Too wild
And having a
Honking good time

- Stephine Spenser

Goats are...

Standing on their hind legs
Fat
Little tailed
Black, gray and brown
And butting

- Waren Gray

Turkeys are...

A good animal for a pet
Gobbling
Pretty
Clumsy
And greedy

- Jeremy Rainville

Geese are...

Happy
Too wild
Orange
Trying to get out
Web-footed

- Keith Brown

★ You may want to use the words generated to describe the animals as spelling words.