



Livestock Poetry

Take a walk around the livestock area of the Farm to get a close look at all of the livestock animals. While on the Farm or back in class, list the name of each kind of livestock animal--horse, pony, sheep, goat, pig, cow. Have students generate words to describe each animal--how each animal moves, acts, smells, feels, the sounds that each animal makes, what each animal looks like (head, nose, eyes, ears, mouth, feet, tail, skin covering, body shape, colors).

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

Horses are...	Goats are...
Ponies are...	Pigs are...
Sheep are...	Cows are...

You may want to have students illustrate these poems or 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...
Standing on their hind legs
Fat
Little tailed
Black, gray and brown
And butting

-Warren Gray

Goats are...
Cute
Lovable
Jumping
Laying and
Pretty

-Andrea Charette

Turkeys are...
A good animal for a pet
Gobbling
Pretty
Clumsy
And greedy

-Jeremy Rainville

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

-Stephanie Spenser

Geese are...
Happy
Too wild
Orange
Trying to get out
Web-footed

-Keith Brown

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

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You may want to use the poem “Mice” by Rose Fyleman as the frame for writing a poem about the livestock animals.

Mice

by Rose Fyleman

I think mice
Are rather nice.

Their tails are long,
Their faces small,
They haven't any
Chins at all.
Their ears are pink
Their teeth are white,
They run about
The house at night.
They nibble things
They shouldn't touch
And no one seems
To like them much.

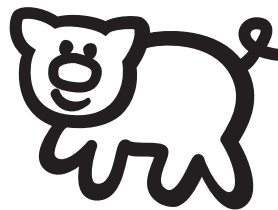
But I think mice
Are nice.

Students might write a poem about pigs.

Pigs

I think pigs
Are rather nice.

Their tails are curly,
Their skin feels rough,
They use their noses
To smell everything.
Some people think
They are dirty and stink.



But I think pigs
Are nice.