Goals	Approx. Time	Date:
Greeting  • Building Relationship with Family	3 min	Greet family using the parent's and child's names
Warm up  • Connection to previous session  • Get parents involved  • Today's target skill(s):  □ Preposition(s) □ Counting □ Emergent Writing □ Shapes □ Scissors Skills	5 min	Game/ song/ activity to review or practice:
<ul><li>Emergent Reading</li><li>Today's target comprehension question(s):</li></ul>	Intro: 3 min	Story:
□ Points to nouns □ Names nouns □ Points to action □ Names action	Read and Ask: 5 min	Introduce Story:
☐ Retell-What did you think?☐ Retell-What happened?		1 <sup>st</sup> -Read to Enjoy 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Read and ask questions
<ul> <li>Follow up Activity</li> <li>Connect to the story</li> <li>Include opportunity to make choices</li> <li>Today's target skill(s):</li> </ul>	5-8 min	Materials:
☐ Prepositions ☐ Counting ☐ Emergent Writing ☐ Shapes ☐ Scissors Skills		Activity:
Closing/Talk with parent before Closing  • Engage child in cleanup process	5 min	(Parent Topic as needed)
Use parent/child names when saying good-bye		Reminder for parent about the date and time of next session



Supplies for Early Childhood Lesson: Farm – "Animal Sounds"

#### PER EDUCATOR

- Counting Game: Cut on the solid lines, keeping the numeral and the matching number of circles connected. Use numbers 1-5. If a student is solid for one-to-one counting with numbers 1-5, mix in larger numbers.
- (2) Shape Puzzles
  - o Reuse from the Farm-"In a Chicken Coop" lesson or remake:
    - Use one copy as the base for students to match. Cut the second copy into four pieces, using the whole paper, not just the shapes.
      - Make some curves and dips as a clue for which pieces belong next to each other
      - The puzzle will last longer if printed on cardstock
- Story: "Animal Sounds" (A-Z Reader)
- Farm-Picture-Word-Cards (cut apart) (see Prekinders.com website link below)
- Translation Bookmark for the Farm-Picture-Word cards per home language(s) needed: Burmese, Karen or Spanish

#### **PER STUDENT**

- Name Puzzle
  - You can type the student's name in the "fillable" box, or you can print and write the student's name with the child, in BIG letters.
    - For names with an accent, type the name in a word processor, inserting the letter with the accent
    - Copy and paste this into the fillable box
  - The puzzle will last longer if printed on cardstock
- Color-choices of construction paper for each student
  - One side for "Student Says" activity
  - o Backside to practice writing letters in name
- Crayons or markers, pencil

### PER FAMILY TO KEEP (when possible)

• Farm-Picture-Word Cards (English)

• Translation Bookmark for Farm-Picture-Word cards per home language needed: Burmese, Karen or Spanish

### **Finding the Farm-Picture-Word Cards**

<u>Click here</u> to download the Farm-Picture-Word Cards from the Prekinders.com website.

# Finding the Story, "Animal Sounds"

- This lesson uses the English-Wordless version of this Level B book from the Reading A-Z website.
  - o The website has a 14-day free trial period, with limited access to the book titles.
  - Otherwise, one needs to purchase a license to use for one year.
  - o If this story is unavailable, substitute with another farm story and add the animal sounds

### Tips about teaching preschoolers to write letters in name

- Teach the letters in the child's name
  - o Start with student copying straight lines, circles and curves needed in the letter
    - Use direction words: up, down, across, start, stop
  - Then move to student copying a letter using the same directions for the straight lines, circles or curves
    - Start with the first letter in child's name, but don't wait for proficiency before introducing the next letter(s)
    - Practice letters introduced, then add a new letter
  - o Start with the capitals and lower case letters in the child's name
  - o If a four-year-old is holding the crayon or pencil in with a fist, using a pencil grip can help to re-direct the student's attention to using thumb and finger to hold the pencil grip.
- Always ask the child to write their name on their projects.
  - Use this as a guide to plan what letters to teach, and plan a separate lesson to practice.

## Resource Chart for Teaching Handwriting:

The BEST resource for a handwriting chart or guide is a Kindergarten teacher in the child's school district.

If this isn't available, the Handwriting Without Tears program has free charts for parents.

- <u>Click here</u> to access Handwriting Without Tears: Charts for Parents in Spanish
- <u>Click here</u> to submit a request for a free copy of the Handwriting without Tears: Charts for Parents in English (Now need to fill out request form to receive the free PDF.)