



# **A Day at Sunrock Farm**

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**Good morning. Welcome to Sunrock Farm.**



**Every day I take care of the animals and plants at Sunrock Farm. When I am done, they give me something I can sell to people who need it.**



**Will you help me with my farm work today?  
We can fill the market basket together.**

**Did you know?**  
Many farm animals can eat foods that people can't. Goats love tree leaves!



**Will you help me feed the goats?**



**Did you know?**  
A goat does not have teeth in the top front part of her mouth. Sheep and cows are the same.

**They will lick the corn out of your hands.**

**Did you know?**

A farmer who milks goats has to do it every day at the same time, though many do it twice a day. When a farmer stops milking a goat everyday the goat will stop making milk.



**Will you help me milk Roberta the goat?**



**Did you know?**

All over the world people depend on different animals for milk, cheese, butter, and other dairy products. Many people in India drink buffalo milk and many people in Nepal drink yak milk. Some people make cheese out of sheep milk.

**Squeeze her teat to get the milk out.**

**Did you know?**  
A hen will lay  
eggs even if  
there is no  
rooster on the  
farm.



*Bawk bawk  
ba-bawk!*

**Will you help me gather eggs from the hens?**



I wonder  
what is inside  
the egg?

**Did you know?**

Eggs that have just been laid do not have chicks in them yet. A fertilized egg must incubate at 100°F for three weeks in order to hatch into a chick.

**Nestle the egg gently into the basket.**

**Did you know?**  
After a chick hatches it has to be kept warm until it grows feathers.



**Do you want to hold the chick?**



She fell  
asleep in  
my hands.

**Did you know?**

Chicks and chickens use their toenails to dig for food like seeds, bugs, and leaves. They even swallow some rocks!

**Hold her gently with two hands to keep her warm and safe.**

**Did you know?**  
Mammal is the name for the group of animals who make milk for their young.



**Will you help me feed the goat kid a bottle of warm milk?**



He is strong!

Slurp Slurp

**Did you know?**  
Mammals have their babies alive. They also have hair or fur. Can you think of a mammal who flies? A mammal who swims? An animal who is *not* a mammal? Are you a mammal?

**Hold on tight with two hands.**

**Did you know?**  
Sheep are shorn  
(given a haircut)  
in the spring.  
Their wool is  
spun into yarn to  
make sweaters,  
hats, socks, and  
blankets.



**Do you want to pet Honey the sheep?**



**Did you know?**  
Sheep are prey animals. That means that sheep in the wild are hunted by other animals. Goats, horses, rabbits, and cows are prey animals, too.

**We are quiet and gentle so she feels safe.**

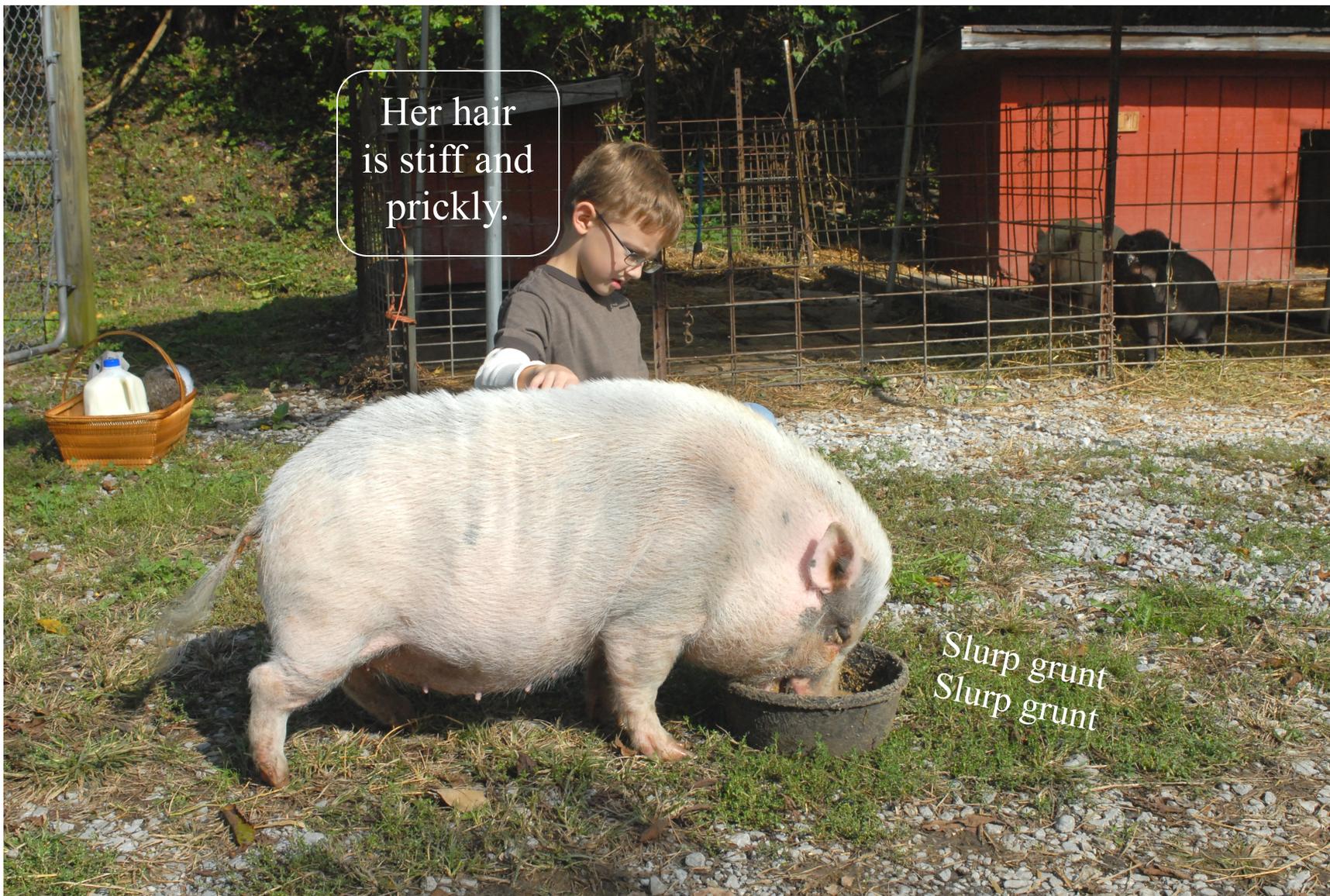
**Did you know?**

Bacon, ham, sausage, and pork chops are all meat products from a pig.

Some paintbrushes are made out of pig hair and some of the first toothbrushes were made out of pig bristle (now they are made out of plastic).



**Will you help me feed Charlotte the pig?**



Her hair  
is stiff and  
prickly.

Slurp grunt  
Slurp grunt

**Did you know?**

The pigs at Sunrock Farm eat pellets mixed with water so they are soft, like oatmeal. The pellets are made out of grains, vitamins, minerals, and other things pigs need. Pigs also love people food scraps.

**A farmer has to feed her animals at the same time every day.**

**Did you know?**  
A hoe is used to  
break up the soil  
and to get rid of  
weeds.



**Will you help me in the garden?  
First, we need to prepare the soil and plant wheat  
seeds.**



**Did you know?**  
Plants need plenty of water when they are young. The root is the part of the plant that “drinks” the water.

**Next we need to water the radishes.**

**Did you know?**  
People eat many different parts of plants. Peppers and tomatoes are fruits, radishes and beets are roots, lettuce and spinach are leaves, corn and wheat are seeds, celery and asparagus are stems, and cauliflower and broccoli are flowers.



**Last we need to harvest some ripe red peppers and tomatoes.**



That was  
fun farm  
work.

**Did you know?**  
Sunrock Farm  
saves the water  
from hand  
washings to  
clean around the  
farm.

**All the animals and plants are cared for and I am ready for the market. Let's be sure to wash our hands now that we are done.**

To review the market basket visit <http://sunrockfarm.wikispaces.com> and click on the link, [A Day at Sunrock Farm story and information book for classes.](#)



**Thank you for helping me with my farm work today. Goodbye!**



