

Early One Morning

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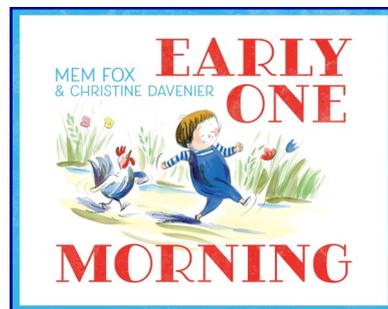
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Join a boy on his hunt for breakfast around the farm in this charming picture book from bestselling author Mem Fox and award-winning illustrator Christine Davenier.

Early one morning on the farm, a boy sets out to find his breakfast. Where could it be? In the tractor? In the haystack? With the sheep? With the ponies...? Little readers will delight in the story's guessing game and following the boy on his ramble around the farm.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Around the farm
- Where our food comes from
- Our relationship with nature and animals

Discussion Questions:

Pre-Reading Questions:

- Look at the book's cover as a class. Can the students guess what happens in the book from the cover illustration?
- On the opening pages of the story, the boy is waving to his grandma. Do the students know where it is that the grandma lives?

About the story

- Read *Early One Morning* with the class. Can the students guess what the boy is looking for? What clues are there in the words used that hint towards an egg?
- Can the students see clues in the pictures, too, for what the boy is searching for?

Around the farm

- As the boy walks around the farm, he comes across a gate, a truck, a tractor... Can the students remember all of the farmyard things that they saw in the book?
- What other things are found around a farm? Can the students name any other farmyard things and animals that aren't mentioned in the book?
- What are all the different things on the farm used for? Discuss with the students how, for example, tractors are used to pull heavy machinery, how hay can be made from dried crops to feed animals, how gates help keep farm animals safe (and the importance of closing them on farmland).
- Discuss with students what other animals lay eggs, and where they lay them: Which animals lay eggs in a nest? Answers include: birds, crocodiles.
- Which animals lay their eggs in water? Answers include: fish, frogs.
- Which animals bury their eggs? Answers include: turtles, lizards.

Where our food comes from

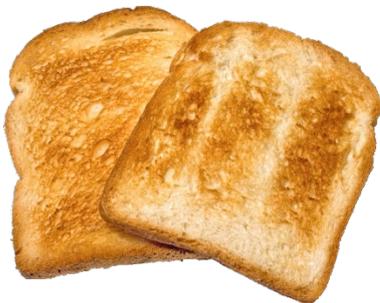
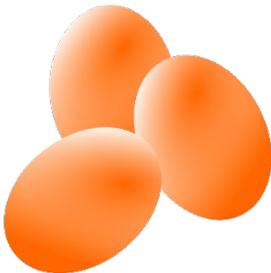
- In the book, the boy's breakfast was an egg, laid by the chicken. Discuss with the students where other breakfast foods come from, before they're in the shops. Some ideas might include orange juice from orange trees, milk from cows, cereal from wheat, fruit from plants.

Activities:

- Complete the two activities that are attached.

Where did each breakfast come from?

Draw a line between the pictures to match the breakfast with where it came from on the farm.



Many different animals lay eggs. Draw some of them here.

