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Carmen and Martin came to explore Crocker Farm. Ellen met them at the gate.

“Welcome to Crocker Farm,” said Ellen. “I am Ellen Crocker. I am a farmer here.”



“Have you ever been on a farm?” Ellen asked.  
“No,” said Carmen, “but we have a garden at school. We plant seeds and then they grow.”



“We grow plants on the farm. We have animals too. Would you like to see them?” Ellen asked.

“Yes!” said Carmen and Martin.

“Come with me,” said Ellen.



“Have you ever seen a barn?” Ellen asked.

“I never have,” said Martin.





“The barn is a shelter for our pigs,” Ellen said.  
“We keep grass here to feed them. In the winter, we  
park our tractor inside.”



“Have you ever seen hens?”  
Ellen asked.

“We have only seen them in  
books,” said Carmen.

“Come on,” said Ellen. “The  
hens are over here.”

Ellen asked, “Have you ever seen a nest?”

“I saw one,” Martin said. “The nest was far up on a branch.”

“Come on,” said Ellen. “See the box in the pen? That is the hen’s nest. Go up close so you can see better.”





“Have you ever seen an egg in a nest?” asked Ellen.

“No,” Martin said. “We only see eggs at the store or in the kitchen.”

Ellen picked up the hen so they could see the egg.



“This is not like an egg in the store,” said Ellen.


“Do you see the cracks?”

“Yes,” said Carmen. “Is the egg hatching?”

“Yes,” said Ellen. “Have you ever seen a chick?”

“I never have,” said Carmen.





“I never have,” said  
Martin, “but I want to!”



“You will!” said Ellen.



