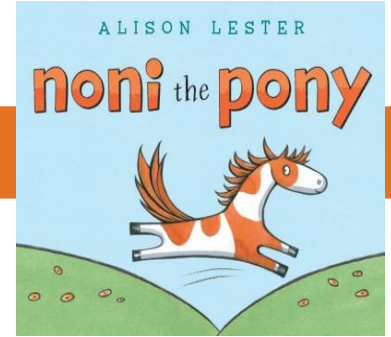
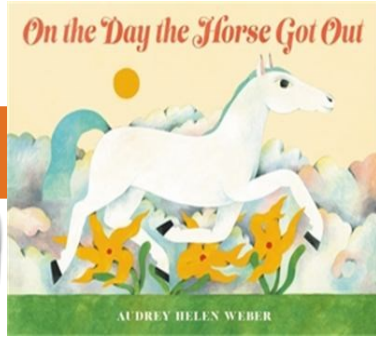


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

You don't actually need to read books aloud to your children in order for them to benefit. Simply looking at and talking about the illustrations in books helps children develop appreciation for the visual arts. **TALK** about the colors - not only the names of the colors, but whether they are bright or pastel, clear or blurry.

-Every Child Ready to Read Tip Cards

activity

Go for a ride in the country and try to find horses. Count how many you see, and talk about what colors they are.

digital fun

Learn about different horse breeds and color variations:

<https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/zoology/all-about-horses>

READ

Wild Horses

By Melissa Marr

Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails

By Nancy Tafuri

If I Had a Horse

By Gianna Marino

Clip-Clop!

By Nicola Smees

PLAY

Grab a large stick from outside and have a stick horse race. Make an obstacle course and see who can complete it on the stick horse the fastest!

TALK

Read a nonfiction book about horses and discuss the pictures: What color are the horses? How many are there? Which is your favorite and why?

SING

Giddy-Up, Giddy-Up

Giddy-up, giddy-up, ride to town,
(bounce babies on knees; big kids skip in place)

Giddy-up, giddy-up, up and down.
(lift baby up and down; big kids jump)

Giddy-up fast,
(bounce quickly)

Giddy-up slow,
(bounce slowly)

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up, whoa!
(dip baby backwards gently; big kids fall down)

WRITE

Practice braiding on a toy horse. Braiding helps develop fine motor skills that are important for writing.