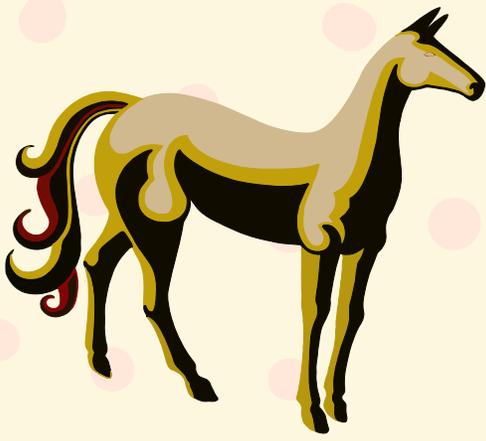


Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!



# HORSES

## LETTER OF THE DAY

H h

## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Horse Meets Dog*  
by Elliott Kalan

*Big Horse Small Mouse:  
A Book Of Barnyard  
Opposites*  
by Liesbet Slegers

*The Princess And The Pony*  
by Kate Beaton

*Horseplay*  
by Karma Wilson

*The Artist Who Painted A  
Blue Horse*  
by Eric Carle

*Horses: Trotting! Prancing!  
Racing!*  
by Patricia Hubbell

*Are You A Horse?*  
by Andy Rash

*Clip-Clop!*  
by Nicola Smee

*Do You Believe In  
Unicorns?*  
by Bethanie Murguia

*Horse [non-fic]*  
by Juliet Clutton-Brock

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

### I Gave My Horse an Apple [action rhyme]

I gave my horse an apple, [*pretend to give something*]

And she gave me a neigh. [*neigh*]

I gave my horse a carrot,

And she moved her head this way. [*move head up and down*]

I gave my horse a sugar lump,

She gave me a smile. [*smile big*]

And then she took me for a ride,

For more than half a mile. [*slap hands on thighs like galloping*]

### Ten Galloping Horses [fingerplay]

Ten galloping horses came through the town [*hold up all ten fingers*]

Five were white and five were brown

They galloped up [*raise arms*] and galloped down [*lower arms*]

Ten galloping horses came through town.

### Horse, Horse [action rhyme]

Horse, horse on our way [*bounce child on knees or drum on knees to the rhythm*]

We've been together for many a day.

So let your ears stick up [*lift child up or use hands to mime ears*]

And your tail hang down [*lower your child or use arm to mimic tail*]

Giddy up, we're homeward bound! [*bounce child on knees or drum on knees to the rhythm*]

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Horse"



Form the letter "u" (or "h") with your dominant hand. Place your thumb on your right temple, or a little higher. Bend and unbend your first two fingers a couple times.

## MORE FUN!



### Pool Noodle Pony

#### Materials:

Pool noodle  
Duct tape  
Googly Eyes  
Felt or fabric scraps  
Hot glue gun/ glue sticks

Fold over top portion of pool noodle and duct tape together to body to secure.

Cut triangles for ears and fringe for mane out of felt/fabric.

Glue eyes, ears, and mane to your pony and ride!

Did you know that there are more than 400 breeds of horses?! Research different types of horse breeds with your child(ren) by checking out an "easy-reader" ("ER") non-fiction book from our collection.

***This is a great way to build specific vocabulary ("mustang," "haflinger") and to practice the concept of same-and-different.***

Brainstorm a list with your child(ren) of other words that begin with the letter "H."

What other animals have 'jobs' like many horses do?

What do horses like to eat? Do they eat any of the same foods that we humans do?

### Giddy Up, Giddy Up [action rhyme] [mime trotting like a horse and change height and pace as you recite the rhyme]

Giddy up, giddy up ride to town,  
Giddy up, giddy up, UP and DOWN.  
Giddy up faaaast, giddy up slow  
Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, WHOA!

### The Feet Of A Horse [Tune: "The Wheels On The Bus"]

The feet of a horse go clip, clop, clip,  
Clip, clop, clip,  
Clip, clop, clip,  
The feet of a horse go clip, clop, clip,  
All day long.

[Verses: snout/neigh, neigh, neigh; tail/swish, swish, swish]

### Giddy-Up [Tune: "William Tell Overture"]

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up-up-up!  
Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up-up-up!  
Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up-up-up!  
WHOA, Horsie!

### I'm A Little Cowpoke [Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"]

I'm a little cowpoke, here is my hat [tap head]  
Here are my spurs [tap feet]  
And here at my chaps [pat legs]  
When I get up, I work all day [jump up]  
Get on my horse and ride away [gallop]

"One-Trick Pony" by Paul Simon (1980)  
"A Horse With No Name" by America (1971)  
"Back In The Saddle Again" by Gene Autry (1939)

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