

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the first-grade homeschool student will be able to identify and understand key vocabulary related to horses, as well as demonstrate basic reading comprehension skills through a horse-themed reading activity.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencil for note-taking
- A selection of horse-themed books or stories

Activities

1. Introduce the topic of horses and ask the student what they already know about them. Write down their responses on the paper.
2. Read a horse-themed book or story together, pausing to discuss any unfamiliar words or concepts. Encourage the student to ask questions and make connections to their own experiences.
3. After reading, create a list of horse-related vocabulary words on the paper. Have the student help you define each word and write down the definitions.
4. Using the vocabulary words, create flashcards or word cards. Shuffle them and play a matching game with the student. Have them match the word with its definition.
5. For additional practice, give the student a short passage or paragraph about horses to read independently. Encourage them to use their newly learned vocabulary words to help with comprehension.
6. Discuss the passage together, asking the student questions about what they read. Encourage them to provide evidence from the text to support their answers.

First Grade Talking Points

- "Horses are large animals that people can ride on."
- "They have four legs and can run very fast."
- "Horses come in different colors, such as brown, black, white, and gray."
- "Some horses have a special job called 'pulling a carriage'."
- "Horses eat hay, grass, and grains to stay healthy."
- "They have a long tail that they can swish to keep away flies."
- "Horses communicate with each other by making sounds like neighing."
- "People take care of horses by brushing their fur and cleaning their hooves."
- "Horses are friendly animals and can become good friends with humans."