



Horse Powered READING

ARENA ACTIVITIES



Take my horse for a walk

Meet horses and connect with your "book buddy." Create a story with your book buddy. Go on a walk for "Step the Syllable" activity.



Horse pARTs Mural

Storytelling while grooming with labels or finger paint, using "Multiple Meaning Words" about horses and their homes.



Pony Express!

Choose your pony and grab a delivery bag. Deliver mail (sight words) to the correct ranch addresses and read it.



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HORSE POWERED READING®



What is Horse Powered Reading®?

Horse Powered Reading® (HPR) is a science based experiential learning program focused on the student's natural curiosity and determination to help gain confidence, motivation, and overcome reading challenges. By integrating equine assisted learning, social emotional learning, and academics, Horse Powered Reading® helps students of all ages build self-efficacy and excitement for learning. During sessions, students are allowed to make discoveries through activities using props to aid learning. Students and their reading partner (horse), interact providing the facilitator insight into what they are experiencing inside and what patterns are working or not working for them. That interplay allows for profound learning to take place. Through this process, the horse creates an opportunity for immediate feedback and experiential learning to take place.

Why Horses?

As prey animals, horses are extremely sensitive to the actions of humans, and react to our body language and cues, which gives us insight into what the student is experiencing emotionally. Horses can help clients learn to build connection, confidence, and compassion, while offering immediate feedback.

What Skills Are Addressed?



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HPR Founder, Dr. Michele Pikel, PhD. created the program to focus on the following skills:

- Decoding - building phonics skills and sight word recognition
- Vocabulary enhancement
- Fluency development - reading quickly, accurately and with expression
- Overcome barriers blocking comprehension
- Practice study skills
- Comprehend textbooks
- Learn new, unfamiliar, and multi-syllable words
- Achieve higher order thinking
- Use critical and creative thinking

Programs offered:

Certified HPR Facilitators provide learners a safe and fun environment, utilizing the wonders of the farm, nature, and connection with horses and other farm animals.

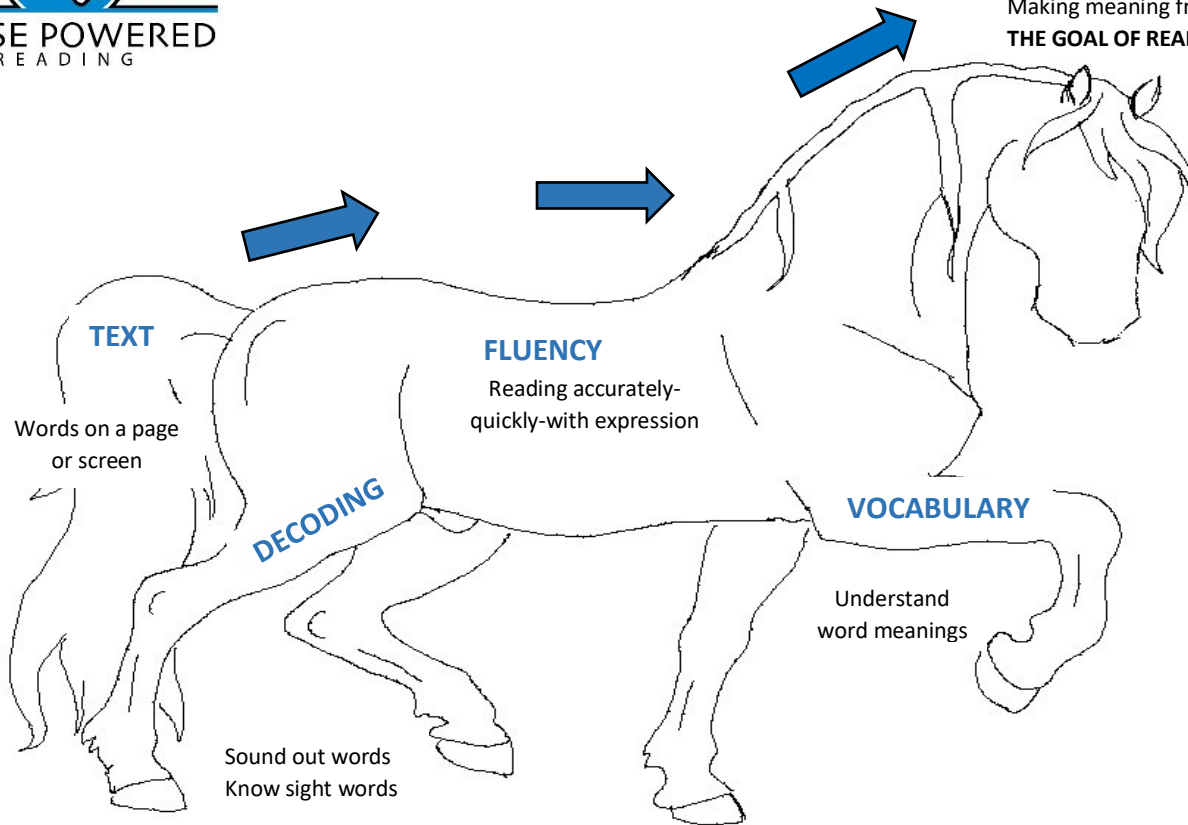
HPR programs include:

- **Individual and Small Group Sessions** geared for youth ages 4-17. Personalized sessions are formed around individual needs to support classroom learning.
- **Summer Day Camps and Special Events** using literacy and math skills while enjoying horseplay seems more like fun than learning! These camps and events are offered throughout the summer months.
- **Field trips and Community visits:** On-site visits to schools, libraries, therapy centers, parks and more for youth to experience the power of Horse Powered Reading with our mini horse. We also invite the community to our farm for field trips and events.

BRIDGE TO READING

COMPREHENSION

Making meaning from text
THE GOAL OF READING



PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Ability to hear, break apart, and blend individual sounds that make up words

In effective reading instruction there are 5 key areas that must be taught: Phonemic Awareness; Decoding (phonics & sight word recognition); Vocabulary; Fluency; and Comprehension.

- **PHONEMIC AWARENESS**, the most basic and most critical skill for learning to read, is developing the ability to hear the individual sounds (phonemes) that make up a word. Children must be able to take apart the word sounds and blend them together. This is foundational in any alphabetic language.
- **DECODING** is learning to match sounds with letters and build them into words. It encompasses both phonics (sounding out words) and sight words (learning words that don't sound like they are spelled).
- **VOCABULARY**, understanding word meanings, is vital in order to understand what is read. There is a very high correlation between vocabulary and comprehension and success in school!
- **FLUENCY**, is the ability to read words accurately, quickly, and with expression. It forms the "bridge" between squiggly marks on a page (text), and Comprehension. However it is impossible for that bridge to work without the pillars of Decoding and Vocabulary build firmly on the bedrock of Phonemic Awareness.
- **COMPREHENSION**- making meaning from words-is the **GOAL OF READING!!!**

How Horse Powered Reading® Methodologies Align with Current Research

Dr. Michele Pickel

"What, if any, methodologies/approaches are you aligning with scientifically?"

The methodology we use in Horse Powered Reading® aligns with the “Science of Reading”. We emphasize phonemic awareness and phonics as foundational parts of reading, on which fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills are all built. In HPR, we use experiential games and activities to teach and explore phonemic awareness and phonics, rather than simply using work sheets and lecture.

In order to meet the needs of struggling readers, who may or may not have been diagnosed with dyslexia, HPR focuses on multi-sensory approach to reading and emphasizes experiential Games and activities to teach and reinforce basic critical reading skills.

All learning games and activities in the Horse Powered Reading® curriculum are built on solid research based reading strategies.

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