

Ron's class was studying horses. They learned what horses eat. Horses eat oats. They eat apples. Horses also need a great deal of water to drink. The students also learned how to care for horses. Horses need to be groomed. To groom a horse you have to brush its coat until it shines. You must also clean out a horse's stall each day.

Ron's class was going on a field trip. They were going to visit a horse farm. They were even going to get to ride a horse!

Each student had to wear thick blue jeans. They had to wear boots or heavy shoes. A horse sometimes steps on a foot. Heavy shoes will help prevent smashed toes.

The class left for the farm early in the morning. They got on a big bus. They rode down a long road to get to the farm. Soon they were there.

The farm had a long, white stable. In it lived many horses. There were fields on both sides of the stable. Horses were in the fields.

The head of the horse farm came out to the stable. He said hello to the boys and girls. Then he took them into the stable. There they saw the stalls and the saddles.

Soon it was time for the boys and girls to have a ride. Three horses were brought out. Their names were Misty, Candy, and Lady. Each of them looked very tall to Ron.

Three men held the horses. They helped the children up. Then the men led the horses in a big

circle. Each child got to ride for five minutes. After they were through riding, the men showed how to groom the horses. Then they fed the horses. The boys and girls fed them oats and apples.

Soon it was time to go home. The children got on the bus. They drove back to school. Each one could not wait to tell their family about the trip to the horse farm.

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