



## Your 1st Grade Students are invited to participate in the **Black Stallion Literacy Project!**



We have secured private funds for your students to participate in this exciting literacy program, which sparks the imagination of children through encounters with live horses and 1st-grade level books by Black Stallion author Walter Farley.

### Here's How It Works . . .

- The Foundation will pay for the entire cost of the program (\$8) for each student and school system bus transportation to Horse Day at the UF Horse Teaching Unit.
- **Each school must register online by January 15 to participate!** Log onto the website [www.bslp.org](http://www.bslp.org) and click on the "enrollment" icon at the top of the screen, then follow the instructions. The enrollment type is "first grade" and you are registering as an individual school. *(If your school participated last year, don't click on "first time" school. Schools are expected to use the same stand-up horse displays provided last year.)* You will create your own user name and password and you will receive an email confirmation. If you have any difficulty registering or questions about the registration process, contact Peggy Packer at the phone number below.
- **New and Improved! This year's teacher inservice will be led by representatives from Arabian Nights offering new ideas for making the program fun and educational for your students!** Reading coaches, CRTs and participating teachers are all welcome. At least one representative per school is required to attend the one-hour workshop on **Wed., January 16 at 1:30 pm at Terwilliger Elementary School.** Please complete and return the enclosed inservice registration form.
- The first book to be given to each child at the "First Touch" horse visit and curriculum materials will be delivered to each school by March 1. Pam Fitzgerald, in the school system volunteer department, will schedule your horse visit for March 17 – 31 during the inservice, so please check your school calendars for possible conflicts in advance. **Remember, the first book should not be given to your students until the horse visits your school!**
- **Horse Days will be held April 24 - 25 at the UF Horse Teaching Unit.** Our local BSLP partner Dr. Sandra TenBroeck will contact you to schedule this "Second Touch" event. We have shared feedback from last year's participants and Dr. TenBroeck is working to make this year's event run as smoothly as possible – always a challenge while working with college students to run the event and with buses not always arriving on schedule – but she is already working on plans to minimize waiting time. **Students should be given their second book at the conclusion of that event.**
- **Schools are responsible for making all transportation arrangements for the Horse Day trip.** The Foundation will pay for the buses directly -- just request that **Cost Center #9041** is billed when you reserve your buses! The address for the fieldtrip location is 1934 SW 63<sup>r</sup> Ave. (Rocky Point Rd)

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