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Teacher Notes and Activities

Noni The Pony Goes to the Beach

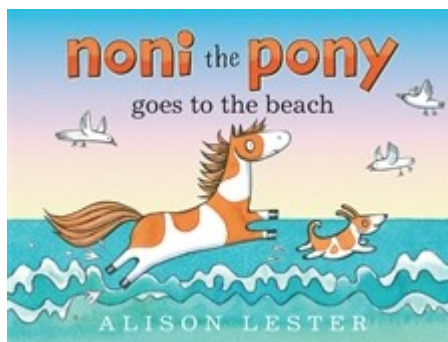
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Noni the Pony is friendly and funny. She loves going down to the beach when it's sunny. With her two very best friends Dave Dog and Coco the Cat, and the cows from next door, it's going to be a wonderful day.



Themes:

- Beach
- Friendship
- Helping
- Animals

Discussion Points:

- Noni loved going to the beach. Have you ever been to the beach? Did you like it? Why or why not?
- As a class, make a list of things that you can do at the beach.
- Can you recall all the animals that are in the story? Would you usually expect to see these animals at the beach? Where would you expect to find them? Have you ever seen a horse or pony at the beach?
- There are many creatures that you might expect to see when you go the beach. Come up with a list of at least 5 and then talk about the characteristics of each of these creatures.
- What are some of the things that you need to be careful of at the beach?
- Why do you think that Coco the Cat didn't like getting wet? Are most cats like this? If you have a cat, does your cat like water?
- Dave the Dog found himself in trouble when he swam too far out. What characteristics did Noni show when she went to help him?
- Think of some examples of when you might have used the same characteristics to help one of your friends, or when you might need to use them.

Activities:

- From the list of animals that you find at the beach that your class made earlier, choose your favourite one and draw a picture of it. Display these in your classroom.
- Create a 'beach-corner' in your class. Have all the students contribute by bringing or making something that represents the beach. ie: shells, buckets, beach towels etc.