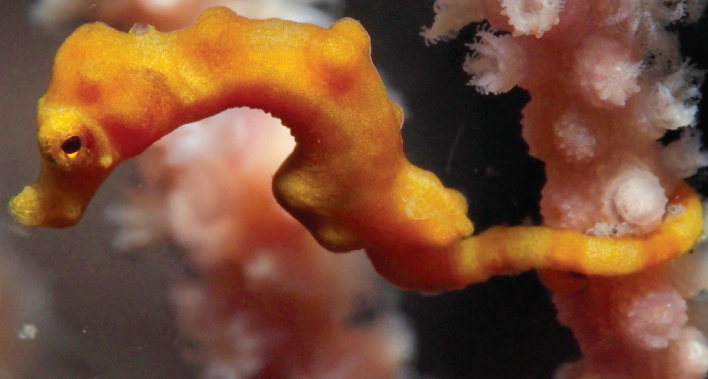




**Rick:** Some people think seahorses are tiny horses that can swim. Would you care to comment?

### Denise's pygmy seahorse



### Sherman:

As you know, Rick, we seahorses are **fish**. We live in warm, shallow waters. We like to hang out in grasses, seaweed, coral, or sponges.

### Jayakar's seahorse







**Rick:** You sure don't look like fish.



**Sherman:** We are the oddballs of the fish world. We aren't shaped like most fish, and we don't have **scales**. Under our skin, we're covered in hard, bony plates. It's like we're wearing armor. It keeps us safe from our **enemies**.



short-snouted seahorse

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# Let's Get Ready to Read!

Dear Parents and Educators,

*This guide will help your reader explore, examine, and engage with the nonfiction book *Horses of the Sea*. The included activities will strengthen their reading comprehension skills and provide them with opportunities to write and talk about the text. Your reader will delve into the text and analyze it in a more structured and detailed way. Help your reader on their reading journey by working alongside them as they read the book. Ask and answer questions, and offer guidance and support, as needed. Be sure to read through pages 4–5 for helpful instructional ideas.*

*On this page, you will find information about Blue Star Education's partnership with Ranger Rick and the National Wildlife Federation as well as some fun activities to help foster your reader's love of reading!*

## Just 4 Fun!

- Work with other parents or teachers to arrange a book club meeting so your reader can discuss the book with peers. Provide a comfy, cool setting and some yummy treats!
- Set up a book nook! Find a quiet corner. Add a few blankets and pillows. Maybe grab a beanbag chair or poof! Be sure there is a lamp or overhead light and—voilà!—you have a nifty nook any reader would love.
- Challenge your reader to conduct further research on the topic mentioned in the book. Ask them to display what they have learned from their research in a creative way, such as a diorama, collage, or poster.

## The Partnership

Blue Star Education's proud partnership with the National Wildlife Federation and Ranger Rick has made possible the creation of products that combine reading, writing, and science in an exciting and unique way meant to help enrich knowledge and appreciation of the natural world.

## The National Wildlife Federation & Ranger Rick

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) strives to unite all Americans to ensure that wildlife thrives in a rapidly changing world. It believes that healthy water, clean air, and public lands are a birthright of all Americans. From the tiniest of insects to the largest of mammals, the NWF wants to ensure the legacy of America's wildlife for future generations.

In January 1967, a new conservationist came on the scene. Knowledgeable, small, and furry, this little leader was ready to foster a healthy and life-long appreciation of nature in children. His name: Ranger Rick! More than 50 years later, Ranger Rick continues to entertain and educate children about the natural world through various media, including the highly successful magazine series.





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ACTIVITY 3

# Seahorse Swap

**Directions:** Read each sentence. Swap out the underlined incorrect plural noun for the correct plural noun. Use the words the seahorses are thinking about to help you. Write the correct word on the line.

1. Seahorses do not have tooths. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you think seahorses and mouses have anything in common?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Male seahorses give birth to their childs. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Seahorses have fins not foots. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you know seahorses are fishes? \_\_\_\_\_

