

Pony Tails Kids Club St Patrick's Day Fun Fact!



Hey Pony Tails Friends, it's me Alice!

Saint Patrick's Day always makes me think of things that are lucky!

Like having friends, rainbows, pots of gold, and of course... horse shoes!

Did you know early western Europeans believed that iron had magical powers? Iron could drive away evil, and folklore of the time told of many naughty fairies and mystical creatures. Since horseshoes were made of iron, people felt that the horse shoes would keep the badly behaving fairies away. Even the number of holes in a horseshoe is lucky. Horseshoes have seven nail holes to hold them in place on the horse's foot. Many cultures consider seven a lucky number, as it appears so frequently in our world — seven continents, seven colors in the rainbow, seven seas, seven days in the week ... you get the point.

There does seem to be some argument, however, over how to hang a horseshoe. Some say you should hang it heels up, like the letter "u." Others say you should hang it heels down. Hanging a horseshoe heels up means it keeps all the good luck from running out of the shoe. But hanging a horseshoe heels down means it flows good luck down on everyone who walks

underneath it. It's personal preference, but maybe it wouldn't hurt to have two, and hang one each way!

I always say that all kids should have the chance to be lucky enough to go riding or even just go to a barn and be with a horse or pony.

[Click here](#) to check out this video of lucky kids and lucky horses and ponies!

Leprechauns, castles, good luck and laughter.

*Lullabies, dreams, and love ever after.
Poems and songs with pipes and drums
A thousand welcomes when anyone comes.
May the luck of the Irish be with you!*

Happy St Patrick's Day!

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Do you have a friend that's crazy about horses and ponies?
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