

- Harry Potter meets a variety of magical animals during his adventures, including a three-headed dog, a dragon, unicorns, and many others. Try reading books on Greek mythology to learn stories about other magical creatures.



Above all, keep reading, and enjoy this time to share the magic of books with your children.

About Reading Wizards:

Reading Wizards: Parents and Children Reading Together is a series of bulletins on reading with children. Bulletins A through D are designed for parents of children as young as 2 years old and include activities based on Dr. Seuss books. Bulletins 1 through 6, based on the Harry Potter book series, were created for parents with children between the ages of 5 and 12. The bulletins will include tips on how to make the most of reading time with your children, as well as activities based on the Harry Potter Books for you and your child to do together.

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Greetings! This is the second in a series of bulletins designed to help parents make the most of their reading time with their children. As before, we will offer general tips¹ on reading to your children, as well as specific activities based on the Harry Potter series for you and your children to do together.



Teachers often recommend that parents try pairing a book of fiction with a nonfiction book on the same topic. For example, you might pair *Little House on the Prairie*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder and *Prairie Visions*, by Pam Conrad. Pairing fiction and nonfiction books in this way will help your children understand the fictional work better, and will also broaden their knowledge and enhance their learning. If you have access to a computer, you can also try looking on the Internet for information. Remember, though, that information on the Internet is not always reliable, so check the information you find on the Internet for quality and accuracy.



While reading the Harry Potter books, there are a wide variety of non-fiction subjects that you and your child could investigate together. For example:

- Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry was founded and built during the Medieval era. Try checking out books on life in the Medieval period to discover what else was happening around that time. Find out what living in a castle would have been like, or how a castle was built. Based on the kind of buildings people built at the time, what do you think Hogwarts would look like?



- Harry attends potions class to learn how to brew magic potions. Check out a book on chemistry for kids, and try brewing some "magic potions" of your own. Or log on to <http://www.kidscience.about.com> for great ideas on activities and experiments to do with children.

¹ Reading tips adapted from www.scholastic.com