



- If you could magically climb aboard the Howarts Express and go to Hogwarts, what would you most want to do? What classes would you want to take? Transfiguration? Care of Magical Creatures? Try writing a story about what the adventures you might have if you went to Hogwarts.



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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No matter what their age, children can benefit tremendously from being read to. Even if your children are reading on their own, continuing to read to them aloud will help them develop new language and vocabulary skills. Children and parents alike will also benefit from this shared quality time together.

In this, the third bulletin of the series, we again offer some general advice about reading to kids, along with activities based on the Harry Potter books (a great series for parents and kids to read together).

After you and your child read together, continue to talk about what you have read. Encourage your child's creativity by having him or her try an art project or writing project based on what you and your child have just read. If the book being read does not have pictures, spend some time with your child drawing illustrations. Another idea is to write another chapter in the book. Have your child write his or her own chapter at the same time you write one, then read your chapters aloud and compare them.



Below are some suggestions for creative projects inspired by the Harry Potter books to do with your child.



- Draw pictures of the way you imagine the different characters. What do you think the Dursely's look like? Hagrid? Hermione?



- In the first book, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Harry encounters the Mirror of Erised, which, instead of reflecting the faces of people who look into it, shows them what they want most in the world. If you were to look into the mirror, what would it show you? Try drawing a picture of what you would see if you looked into the mirror.