

# Magical Creatures



How many magical creatures can you name? Dragons, giants, fairies, gnomes, mermaids, unicorns, griffins, Bigfoot (yeti), Pegasus...the list continues as widely as your imagination! Some are found in Greek mythology, some in current series (think Harry Potter) and some are found in traditional folklore like Strega Nona and Baba Yaga. Some of these characters are more human in form and some appear as animals.

- ❖ Read for 105 minutes this week (15 minutes each day). 1 pt.
- ❖ If you were going to create a magical creature, what would it look like? What magic would it be able to do? Draw a picture of your creature and write a 5-sentence description of where you would find it, what it does and how you met it. 1 pt.
- ❖ Many countries have different versions of similar magical creatures and the traditions that surround them. One example is the tales and traditions of losing a tooth. Can you find two other ways that the loss of a tooth is handled in another country? You can check online or check the book at the library called Throw Your Tooth on the Roof by Selby Beeler. **Write your answer in the space below.** 1 pt.
- ❖ Create a fire breathing dragon of your very own. Start with a paper towel or toilet paper roll. Cover it with green construction paper or color it with crayon (marker might leave a ring around your mouth!). Decorate the dragon with two googly eyes glued on to medium green pom poms and use two smaller pom poms at the far end as a nose. Tape orange and yellow streamers inside the far end (nostril end) of the tube. As you blow into the end with the eyes, the “fire” will pop out of the other end. 1 pt.

- ❖ Make an ocean in a bottle. Start with a plastic 8-12 oz soda bottle with a screw top lid. Add sand so that it creates a layer about 1/4" thick at the bottom. If you have small seashells you can add these to the bottle also. Fill the bottle halfway with water and then add one drop of blue food coloring and enough glitter to add some sparkle. Fill the rest of the bottle with cooking oil or baby oil. Use hot glue inside the bottle lid and screw that firmly on before the glue cools to create a drip proof layer. Give it a shake outside to make sure that it works! 1 pt.
  
- ❖ What kind of an environment would a fairy or gnome like to live in? Rocks, stones and sticks or mosses, small plants and flowers? Maybe you want to attract a fairy that likes to look at glittery things and all kinds of bling! Create your garden space in a clear plastic cup or right in your backyard using either natural building materials or man-made items. Rock pathways and stick fences might entice the creatures to take up residence in your home. Now wait patiently to see if anyone comes to visit! 1 pt.
  
- ❖ Make a Unicorn bottle by following these 5 steps! When pouring mixtures into the soda bottle, do so very slowly so as not to mix the layers. This is not to be shaken like the ocean in the bottle but to look like a rainbow. **1)** Pour 1/2 C of corn syrup into a measuring cup and add one drop each of red and blue food coloring and stir. Add to a clear 20 oz plastic soda bottle. **2)** Pour 1/2 C of blue dish soap into the bottle. While pouring, tilt the bottle and pour down the inside. **3)** Pour 1/2 C of water into a measuring cup and add 2 drops of green food coloring. Stir with a spoon. Then pour down the inside of the soda bottle. **4)** Pour 1/2 C of yellow oil into a measuring cup. Pour this down the inside of the soda bottle. **5)** Pour 1/2 C of rubbing alcohol into a measuring cup and add two drops of red food coloring. Then stir with a spoon and then pour down the inside of the soda bottle. TADA! Your very own personal rainbow!! 1 pt.

