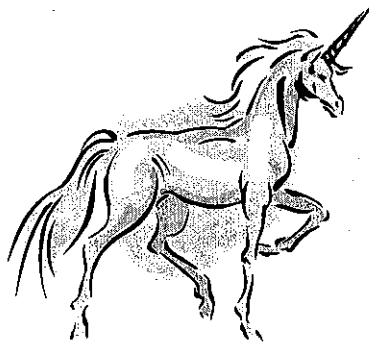


MYTHICAL, MAGICAL CREATURES



Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about mythical, magical creatures. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can about mythical creatures. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Magical Mythical Creatures" chart.

Create a pictiography of mythical, magical creatures. Your pictiography should include the name of the creature, background history and legend and an illustration. Some literary figures to include are Grendel from "Beowulf", Charybois and Scylla from the "Odyssey" and Smaug from *The Hobbit*. Some other magical creatures to explore:

- Abominable Snowman
- Harpies
- Loch Ness monster
- Satyrs
- Vampires
- Cyclops
- Hecate
- Phoenix
- Scylla
- Werewolf



Write a book based on *Fortunately, UnFortunately*. Use a dragon as the starring character. Try to imagine the advantages and disadvantages of being a dragon.

Create a mythical creatures museum. Find examples of famous artwork to include in your museum. Make sure you include the title of the piece and the artist. Use a wide range of techniques and materials to create your own



original artwork. Try some sculpture, painting, pen and ink drawing, quilting, and jewelry making.

Find a copy of "The Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll and "The Unicorn" by Shel Silverstein. Memorize both poems and recite them to your classmates. You may want to select some music to play in the background.

Find out all you can about unicorns. Write your own fiction story about a unicorn. You may want to look at Michael Green's *Unicorn Notebook* and the Serendipity books about Morgan before you begin. Publish your story and create a story bag to go with your book. (A story bag can be made using a pillow case and adding a draw string through the hem. Create a pocket on the outside of the bag for the book. Add a cassette tape of you reading the story aloud—be sure to practice! Add props such as stuffed animals, puppets and small toys.) Share your story bag with a class of beginning readers or a local library.

Use *The New Games Book* and learn to play "Capture the Dragon's Tail" and "Smaug's Jewels". Teach your class how to play both games. Knowing all you know about mythical, magical creatures can you create a new "New Game"? Try out your own game and make any modifications. Send your idea to the New Games group.

Rent the movie "Legend" to watch. Write a review for your class newsletter or family paper. You should read some movie reviews in the newspaper before you begin. What are some essential elements of a movie review?

