Dear Host,

Get ready for another meeting of The Harry Potter Reading Club! You’ll find everything you need, including four exciting new activities, on scholastic.com/hpreadingclub:

Activity 1: Write a Diary Entry
In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Ginny starts keeping a diary, but soon realizes that the diary contains mysterious secrets of its own.

For this creative writing activity, club members will get to choose a moment from their own life and write a diary entry about it.

**Prepare ahead:**
1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
2) Have pens or pencils on hand.

**During the activity:**
1) Explain the exercise and answer any questions club members may have.
2) Allow everyone time to brainstorm before writing their diary entries.

Activity 2: Create Your Own Secret Chamber
In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, a secret chamber is found hidden within Hogwarts. For this craft activity, invite club members to imagine that there is a secret chamber in their own school and draw a detailed picture of what it would look like.

**Prepare ahead:**
1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
2) Have pencils, colored pencils or markers, and rulers available.

**During the activity:**
1) Explain the activity and let members get to work.
2) Encourage club members to be creative when thinking about what the chamber might look like. (e.g., Are...
there any interesting details or unexpected surprises in the room?)

3) Afterwards, invite volunteers to share their drawings with the group.

Activity 3: The Chamber of Secrets Crossword

For this activity, club members will get to test their knowledge of key events as they fill in a crossword puzzle featuring words and phrases from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

Prepare ahead:
1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
2) Have pens or pencils on hand.

During the activity:
1) Have club members work individually to solve the puzzle.
2) Offer hints and help to club members, if needed.

Answer Key

Across
2. Harry is struck by this type of flying ball.
4. The name of the Malfoys' house-elf who tries to help Harry Potter.
7. The language of snakes.
8. One of the Hogwarts founders is named Salazar __________.
10. Hermione brews this type of potion.
11. Filch's cat Mrs. __________ is found petrified.

Down
1. The cry of this plant is fatal to anyone who hears it.
2. The giant snake-like creature whose gaze will turn you to stone.
3. Harry's new teacher is Gilderoy __________.
5. This giant spider lives in the Forbidden Forest.
6. The brand of car Harry and Ron fly to Hogwarts.
9. A magical letter that, when opened, shrieks its message at the reader in an extremely loud voice.

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Activity 4: Basilisk Escape
This group activity will get club members up and moving as they play a variation of the game of tag, inspired by the battle with the Basilisk in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

Prepare ahead:
1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
2) Locate an area with enough space to play the game and set boundaries to define the game area. If possible, you may want to move the game outside.
3) Familiarize yourself with the rules of this version of the game, explained on the Basilisk Escape worksheet.

During the activity:
1) Read the game rules on the worksheet aloud and answer any questions that club members may have about how the game works.
2) Randomly select one player to be the Basilisk and one to be the phoenix.
3) Supervise the activity to make sure everyone has fun and plays safely.

BONUS TRIVIA QUESTION:
What kind of bird is Fawkes?

*Answer: A phoenix*

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Yours sincerely,

The Harry Potter Reading Club