

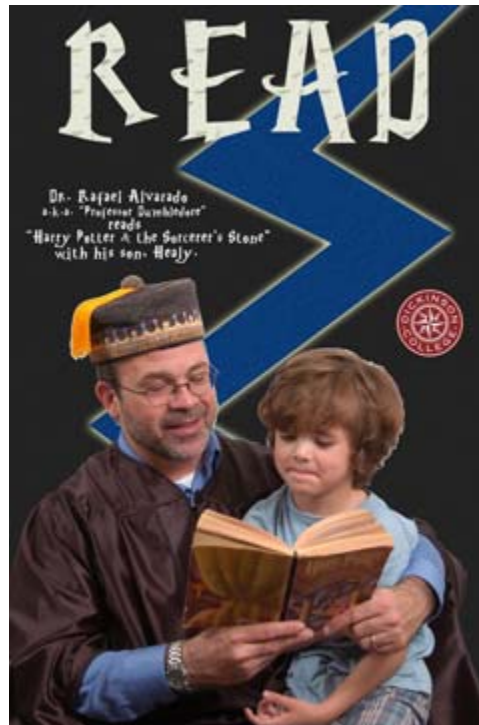
## Rafael Alvarado

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with his son, Healy

### READS

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*  
by J.K. Rowling

Dr. Alvarado writes: "Conventional wisdom says that our children are post-literate digital natives, but I think the Harry Potter phenomenon shows otherwise. My daughter began the series in first grade and read each volume faithfully, doing a good imitation of her mother's ability to read a book for 6 hours on end. Skeptical at first, I



began reading HP myself to learn what was going on in my daughter's head. It was a pleasant surprise and I have been an avid follower of the series myself. My son has other literary interests (of the "graphic novel" variety) but nothing catches his attention more than having Rowling or Tolkien read to him, without the help of the moving or still image. It's a good sign for the long-term viability of both the printed word and narrative itself."

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