

# ***World of Wonder***

## **Educational Standards and Suggested Activities**

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### **Standards**

- Current Events: Students will summarize and critique a food article or restaurant review.
- Home Economics: Students will share samples of various spices and appropriate recipes.
- Social Studies: Students will learn about the exotic spice called saffron.

### **Activities**

1. Use the News: Check the lifestyle section of your newspaper for articles about food or restaurant reviews. Read an article and write a summary. What is the article about? Was it positive or negative? How much of the article was fact? How much was opinion?
2. Most people are familiar with salt, pepper and garlic, but what about fennel or saffron? Have students bring in different herbs and spices to observe, smell and taste. Recipes that include each spice could be researched, printed and provided. The recipe could even be prepared for the class to sample.
3. What is saffron, and why is it the most expensive spice? Take a look at this video to learn more about this special spice:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BxcAcoQuBk&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BxcAcoQuBk&feature=related).

*World of Wonder* meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade level.