

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Projects

It's time to put your reading comprehension skills to work. This year, instead of a monthly reading log, you will be expected to read and do projects for four books independently at home. Your book selections will come from various genres: historical fiction, science fiction, mystery, and a free choice. Each book must be at least 100 pages in length. These projects will count as a portion of your reading grade.

Here are the directions and requirements for each book project.

Each book must be approved before beginning a project. All books and project ideas must have parent and teacher approval before you start working.

Each book report project consists of three elements:

1. Sharing your project with the class.
2. Giving an oral summary of the book (2-3 minutes). Please practice at home so you know what you are going to say for your oral presentation.
3. Participation in a short discussion on how your project was completed.

Book projects will be completed at home, and based on nightly reading for the specified genre. Attached you will also find the rubric used to score your project. You should use this rubric as you practice your oral presentation at home. Please save this packet so you can refer to the directions as you are working.

You will be completing a total of five (the first done in class) projects this school year (see attached due dates). Be sure your project arrives on the specified due date. Points will be deducted if the project is late.

Have fun and be creative!!!





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Genre	Project	Due Date
Any Genre	<p><b>Book Buzz</b></p> <p>A. On a separate sheet of paper, brainstorm a list of the most important (1.) Characters in the book, (2.) the settings, and (3.) any special objects that were part of the story.</p> <p>B. After listing all of the possible characters, settings, and objects you can think of, decide which ones best represent your book. Choose 5-7 to illustrate on paper no larger than 12X18. The student must complete illustrations and words/captions may be typed.</p> <p>C. Add the book title, author, and your name.</p> <p>D. Be prepared to give an oral summary of the book. Be familiar with the characters, setting, problem and solution.</p>	September (This project will be done together in class)
Mystery	<p><b>Read ALL ABOUT it!!! Book News</b></p> <p>You will be writing a newspaper article about your book. Imagine you are a new reporter. Write about the most exciting part of your book. In your article answer these questions: (1.) who?, (2.) what?, (3.) when?, (4.) where?, and (5.) why?. Be sure to include an illustration of the most exciting part of the book with a caption underneath and a title for your article.</p>	October 30, 2017
Science Fiction	<p><b>story sequence</b></p> <p>For this project select four key elements from your book to describe and illustrate. Please put the events in the order that they happened. Creatively display the sequence of events, author, and title of your book. Be prepared to give an oral summary of the book. Be familiar with the characters, setting, problem, and solution.</p>	January 29, 2018

<p>Historical Fiction</p>	<p><b>Book Jacket</b></p> <p>A. For this project use a 12x18 piece of construction paper.</p> <p>B. Fold the paper in half.</p> <p>C. On the front cover, write the title and author of your book. Draw and color a picture that is appropriate for your book.</p> <p>Book Jacket by: _____</p> <p>D. On the front inside flap, write a summary of the story in your own words. Include what kind of book this is, who the main characters are, the setting, and the main events in the story.</p> <p>E. On the back inside flap, write a short paragraph about the author. You should include where the author lives, the author's interests, and other good books written by the author.</p> <p>F. On the back cover, write a short blurb that will catch a reader's attention.</p>	<p>March 19, 2018</p>
<p>Any Genre</p>	<p><b>Free Choice</b></p> <p>Use your creativity to choose your book project. Your project should represent the book you read in an original way. Some ideas for this project are: iMovie (any type of technology project), role-play, diorama, cereal box, etc. Be sure to choose something you haven't already done this year. Be creative and have fun!</p>	<p>May 21, 2018</p>

# Book Genres



**Mystery:** The characters are usually fictional but they behave in realistic ways. There is a problem that needs to be solved. A mystery may have a detective or a spy as a main character. Clues are used by the characters to find a solution to the mystery.

**Biographies:** A biography is a book of true stories about the life of a real person. The author is a different person than the book is written about. The person in the biography can be dead or alive. The author describes how the person affected others.

**Fantasy:** A fantasy is a fictional story where there is a struggle between good and evil, and often involves magic. The characters or objects do things that couldn't happen in real life. Creatures in the story may not exist in real life.

**Fables:** Fables are short stories with animal characters that act like humans. There is a lesson or a moral to be learned from each story.

**Myths:** Myths take place before people were on earth. They try to explain things.

**Historical Fiction:** Some characters may be real and others are fictional. The story takes place during a period in history. Real events from history are mixed with fictional events.

**Science Fiction:** These stories are written with future ideas such as space travel and new technology.

**Fairy Tales:** The characters in fairy tales are make-believe. Fairy tales may involve magic. They often begin with "Once upon a time" and end with "they lived happily ever after."

