

4th Grade Book Buzzes

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 book buzzes for five books independently at home. Your book selections will come from various genres: fiction, non-fiction, historical fiction, science fiction, and a free choice. Each book must be at least 100 pages in length (at your just right reading level). These book buzzes will count as a portion of your reading and oral speaking grades.

Here are the directions and requirements for your book buzzes:

Each book report project consists of three elements:

1. Sharing your book buzz 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 book buzz poster was completed.

Book buzzes 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 six (the first done in class) book buzzes 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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Book Buzz

Directions

Genre:	Due Date:	
* Fiction- The Tale of Despereaux	9/24/18	<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 12x18 construction paper (provided by your teacher). You 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. Also, be prepared to share whether or not you recommend your book to your fellow classmates and why.</p>
Fiction	10/15/18	
Non-fiction	12/3/18	
Science fiction	2/4/19	
Historical fiction	4/15/19	
Free choice	5/28/19	

• We will do the first book buzz on The Tale of Despereaux as a class.

GENRES

Fiction: The author invents the story and makes up the characters, the plot or storyline, the dialogue, and the setting.

Non-fiction: Nonfiction must include real-life situations, include factual information, and usually has a purpose to express or to inform.

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.

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.

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."

