

# 4th Grade Monthly Book Reports

Students are to complete a book report each month. The first book report will be on a book from the summer reading list. If your child didn't read a book from the summer reading list, contact your teacher and they will get you a book to read.

**Books must be approved by the teacher.** Students cannot do projects on the books that we read in class. This includes: King Arthur, Robinson Crusoe, Robin Hood, Gulliver's Travels, Pollyanna, Treasure Island, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Rip Van Winkle, The Phantom Tollbooth, The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, and There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom.

Directions for each book report will be sent home the first Wed of each month. The requirements will change for each book report so be sure to read the directions carefully.

Below are some descriptions and rubrics for different parts of the book report.

1. **Book Talk-** this is an oral presentation that you child will give to the class. We will write book talks in class a few days before the book report is due and students will take them home to practice. Book talks should last 2-3 minutes, accurately describe the book (setting, characters, and plot), and end with a cliffhanger. Students are welcome to bring a prop to show while giving their book talk.
2. **Story Map-** A story map is a **typed** report on the book. Students will use a template found on Google Classroom that they will fill out. The sections are Setting, Characters, Plot, Beginning, Middle, and End. Each section needs at least 3 complete sentences.
3. **Project-** Project choices and requirements will change for each month. Information will be sent home prior to each project. You will pick one project from the given choices. All written book reports must be **typed** and **one page** minimum unless otherwise specified.

Book reports rubrics will be found on Google Classroom which shows how we will grade each part of the book report.

\*\*If your child needs help typing their project, we are happy to help them after school. Please email us to make an appointment.

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\*Book Reports are due the first Tuesday of each month.

Month	Due Date	Book Type	Book Report
Sept	9/3/19	Book from Summer Reading List	Book Talk
Oct	10/1/19	Book from the Classic List (pick a book at your Lexile number)	Story Map
Nov	11/5/19	Historical Fiction	Project
Dec	12/3/19	Book from the Classic List (pick a book at your Lexile number)	Story Map
Jan	1/7/20	Book from the Classic List (pick a book at your Lexile number)	Book Talk
Feb	2/4/20	Book from any list	Project
Mar	3/3/20	Book from the Classic List (pick a book at your Lexile number)	Story Map
Apr	4/7/20	Book from the Classic List (pick a book at your Lexile number)	Book Talk
May	5/5/20	Nonfiction book about one of the first 7 US Presidents	Slideshow about US President

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Parents, please sign below stating that you have read this assignment and that you agree to support and encourage your child to complete these projects. Return this cut portion to your child's teacher.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

