

ENTERING GRADE FOUR 2024-2025

June 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 4th grade! Students entering grade 4 are required to read two books this summer. Parents who choose to purchase the books will find most titles at local bookstores. Parents are expected to provide guidance in the selection of books appropriate to the child's reading level.

Students will read **two** books this summer:

Book 1

Students will pick one book from the list below:

- *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar
- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

Students will be completing a graphic organizer and turning it in the first week of school.

Book 2

Students will pick one book from a series and complete a shoebox book report. The series students can choose from are below.

- *I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis
- *Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
- *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis

Reports will be graded based on the information required on the rubrics, plus mechanics, neatness, and quality of summary. These grades will be included in the first trimester reading grade.

We encourage you and your child to visit the library frequently.

Sincerely,

Fourth Grade Teachers

Book Report: What's in the box?

Title: _____ Author: _____

As you read, think of the following questions:

1. The setting: Where does the story happen? What's the weather? Is there a location?
2. The characters: their significance in the story; their relationships
3. How the story unfolds: What happens in the story?
4. Your choice: Choose something from the story that you think is important

For each question:

- Draw or build something to represent the answer to the question (be inventive and creative!) - write a little paragraph that explains the object / image and why it is important in the story.

How will you present this information?

- Find a shoebox and put all your items inside the box (pictures / objects and descriptions). Decorate the box with words and pictures that represent your book - add title and author.
- Your box will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
 - decorated box, with title and author
 - 4 objects / pictures in the box that represents the questions
 - 4 descriptive paragraphs (1 for each object / image)

Be ready to present your box to the class!

SEE RUBRIC BELOW

Book Report Name: _____

Date: _____

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Setting	<p>___ Setting is not described</p> <p>___ No mention of time or place</p>	<p>___ Setting is unclear / missing information</p> <p>___ Indicates time or place</p>	<p>___ Accurately describes the setting</p> <p>___ Indicates the place / time</p>	<p>___ Accurately describes the setting and makes complete visual picture for the reader</p> <p>___ Indicates place and time</p>
Characters	<p>___ Introduces only one character</p> <p>___ No descriptive words are used to describe their characters</p>	<p>___ Introduces some of the main characters</p> <p>___ Includes some descriptive words to describe the characters</p>	<p>___ Introduces the main characters</p> <p>___ Includes traits (descriptive words) that describe the characters</p>	<p>___ Introduces the main characters as well as several secondary characters</p> <p>___ Includes traits that describe the characters</p>
How the story unfolds	<p>___ Does not include major events</p> <p>___ Does not include main conflicts / problems</p>	<p>___ Somewhat describes the sequence of events (forgets some aspect)</p> <p>___ Somewhat describes the conflicts / problems in the story</p>	<p>___ Accurately describes the sequence of events in the story</p> <p>___ Identifies the main conflicts / problems in the story</p>	<p>___ Accurately describes the sequence of events and includes particular details</p> <p>___ Identifies the main conflicts / problems in great detail</p>
Your choice	<p>___ Does not include choice</p> <p>___ Does not indicate importance or why it was chosen</p>	<p>___ Outlines their choice, but does not indicate meaning to the story</p>	<p>___ Fully describes their choice</p> <p>___ Indicates how it is important to the story</p>	<p>___ Fully describes their choice and why they chose it</p> <p>___ Indicates how it is important in the story and gives examples</p>

<p>Shoebox</p>	<p>___ Title and author are missing ___ Box is not decorated</p>	<p>___ Indicates title or author ___ Box is somewhat decorated</p>	<p>___ Indicates title or author ___ Box is decorated to represent the book</p>	<p>___ Indicates title and author ___ Box is completely decorated to represent the book</p>
<p>Conventions</p>	<p>___ Spelling mistakes make writing unclear (13+) ___ Word choice is not varied / no descriptive words</p>	<p>___ Several spelling mistakes (8-12) ___ Word choice is repetitive / some descriptive words</p>	<p>___ Some spelling mistakes (4-8) ___ Word choice is varied</p>	<p>___ Little to no spelling mistakes (0-3) ___ Word choice is varied and descriptive</p>