

Hancock Day School

Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading and Writing

Reading

Read two of the following novels, then complete a project for each novel. Make sure you have two different projects to showcase your understanding of each novel.

- Ralph S. Mouse Beverly Cleary
- The Report Card Andrew Clements
- The Kid Who Ran for President Dan Gutman
- How to Eat Fried Worms Thomas Rockwell
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing Judy Blume
- The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konisburg

Projects

1. Book Box	2. Bookmark
<p>Decorate a shoebox and fill it with <u>four</u> objects that represent one of the two novels you read. You can use pictures if the object you want to use is too big to fit inside your box. Include a notecard for each object that lists the name of the object and an explanation of why the item is item is significant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> The top cover should have a picture of the main setting or an important event/scene.<input type="checkbox"/> The title of the novel and author's name should be visible and neatly displayed on the long sides of the box.<input type="checkbox"/> One of the short sides of the box must include a brief summary of the novel.<input type="checkbox"/> The other short side of the box must include a list of the main characters with a brief description of each person.<input type="checkbox"/> The bottom of the box should have your name.	<p>Use cardstock paper (it will hold up best) of any color to create a bookmark for the second novel you read. Plan for the bookmark to be around 3 x 8.5 inches. Be sure to underline the book's title and use proper capitalization.</p> <p><u>On the front of the bookmark include this information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Title and author● A visual image to represent the story <p><u>On the back of the bookmark, include this information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A brief summary of the book (4-5 sentences)● A list of main characters● Rate the book: draw 1-5 stars to show how much you liked/disliked the book.

Summer Reading Checklists

Book in a Box



Check off each item to make sure you included all of the project requirements.

- The title and author are displayed.
- I included at least four objects.
- Each object represents an important element in the story.
- Each object has a notecard that includes a title and a paragraph.
- Each notecard explains the importance of the object and proper spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.
- The top cover has a picture of the main setting or an important event/scene.
- The title of the novel and author's name are visible and neatly displayed on the long sides of the box.
- One of the short sides of the box includes a brief summary of the novel.
- The other short side of the box includes a list of the main characters with a brief description of each person.
- The bottom of the box has your name written neatly.
- All sections of the box have proper spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar. This includes underlining the title.

Don't Forget Bookmark



- ✓ As you read your books, keep a list of ideas for objects you may want to use for the Book Box project.
- ✓ Try to find at least one object in each chapter of the book for the Book Box.
- ✓ Use a sticky note to mark the parts of the book that made you think of the object.
- ✓ Keep a post-it in the front of your books to keep track of any new characters and their character traits.

Bookmark

- The front of the bookmark includes the title and author.
- The front of the bookmark includes an images that represents the story.
- The back of bookmark has a brief summary of the book (4-5 sentences).
- A list of main characters is on the back of the bookmark.
- I rated the book by drawing 1-5 stars to show how much I liked/disliked the book.
- My bookmark has proper spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar. This includes underlining the title.



Writing Assignment

Write three journal entries over the summer to tell your new teacher about anything you want to share about your summer. Each entry should be six to eight sentences and should include the date at the top.

Rising 4th Grade Journal Entry Example

07/04/23
<i>Today is one of my favorite days of the year because it is the Fourth of</i>
<i>July. We went on the boat and to the beach. Later that afternoon, I swam</i>
<i>in the pool. We went to the Deck for dinner and then to the festival at</i>
<i>Oakridge. I saw all of my friends and got to run around until it started</i>
<i>to get dark. After watching the fireworks, we were stuck in a gigantic</i>
<i>traffic jam of golf carts.</i>

Summer Reading and Writing Grading Rubric

Book Box	<p>_____ / 5 Shoebox is decorated appropriately</p> <p>_____ / 5 Title and author are visibly, neatly, and correctly displayed on the long sides of the box</p> <p>_____ / 5 At least four objects were included</p> <p>_____ / 10 Each object has a notecard with a title and explanation of the significance of the item</p> <p>_____ / 5 The top cover has a picture of the main setting or an important event/scene.</p> <p>_____ / 5 The title of the novel and author's name are visible and neatly displayed on the long sides of the box.</p> <p>_____ / 5 One of the short sides of the box includes a brief summary of the novel.</p> <p>_____ / 5 The other short side of the box includes a list of the main characters with a brief description of each person.</p> <p>_____ / 5 The bottom of the box has student's name.</p> <p>_____ / 5 Appropriate spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are used</p>
Bookmark	<p>_____ / 5 Title and author are listed on the front of the bookmark with proper spelling, capitalization, and underlining</p> <p>_____ / 5 A picture is included on the front of the bookmark that represents the story</p> <p>_____ / 5 Summary is at least 4-5 sentences and has proper spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.</p> <p>_____ / 5 The main characters are listed, spelled properly, and capitalized</p> <p>_____ / 5 The book is rated using 1-5 stars to display how much the book was liked or disliked</p> <p>_____ / 5 Appropriate spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are used</p>
Writing	<p>_____ / 5 Three journal entries</p> <p>_____ / 5 At least six sentences</p> <p>_____ / 5 Date is provided on each entry</p>
Total Points	<p>_____ / 100</p>