

Pack your bags!!

PASSPORT TO LITERATURE

The *Passport to Literature* is part of the reading program in fourth grade. Students will embark on a literary journey by reporting on a book from the following genres:

**Biography
Adventure
Humorous
Historical
Fantasy**

**Miscellaneous
Mystery
Ghost
Science Fiction
Animal**

All reading selections must be at least 100 pages long. If a student wishes to read a book from home, I must approve that book before the student begins reading it in order to receive credit. It is our goal to have students read a wide range of literature. We hope that students will find each journey a truly enjoyable and rewarding reading experience.

Students will be required to report on five books. Three of these reports will be projects and two will be oral reports (includes summary). Each project must be a project the child has not already completed. I have enclosed a list of project ideas.

Book reports can be presented early, but each book report must be completed by the due date.

BOOK REPORT DUE DATES

October 28; December 16; January 27; February 24; April 28

Reading is fun!!

Fourth Grade 2016-2017

Book Report Guidelines for *Passport to Literature*

Requirements: 2 oral reports and 3 book projects = 5 reports

Oral Reports

- ❖ One-page summary (see summary guidelines below)
- ❖ Present orally in front of the class
- ❖ Speak loudly and clearly
- ❖ Eye contact with audience
- ❖ Clear view of your face
- ❖ Note cards required

Book Project

- ❖ Complete project from suggested list (no written summary required)
- ❖ Share the project with the class

Summaries include the following:

- ❖ **Setting**
 - Explain where and when the story takes place
- ❖ **Characters**
 - Describe the main characters. What are they like in terms of personality as well as their appearance?
- ❖ **Main Events** (plot/storyline)
 - Start by writing down the five or six main events of the story in order. You can use this like an outline for writing the summary.
 - Take one event at a time and tell about it. Develop a paragraph for each event. Be careful not to include every detail in the story. Your goal is to describe the plot of the story in about one page. It's O.K. if you go over a little.

❖ **Moral/theme**

- Explain the point the author was trying to make. You can think of it as a message within the story or the moral of the story.

❖ **Critique**

- Tell what you liked about the book and/or what you thought could be better.

✚ **Summaries are to be typed in Google Docs using a font size 14 pt.*

Book projects include:

- ❖ Your name
 - ❖ Title, author, names of main characters, description of scene depicted, and/or any additional information relative to your particular project selection
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✚ *Book report due dates are on the last school day of the month in which the report is due (see page one for details).*