



## Book Report Information Packet



Dear Parents,

Please carefully review the following information regarding book reports and pay special attention to the due dates. Your child will be required to read a fourth grade level book around 100 pages (of text) in length. In addition, each book will need to be of a specific genre or type. Once the book is completed, your child will be given the opportunity to share their book with the class through different projects. I hope that a variety of projects will allow your child to express their creativity and be able to share it with the class.

In addition to completing the above projects, the students will give a short oral summary of the book to the class. They should be prepared to talk about their favorite part, characters they liked and why they liked them and whether they recommend the book to others.

In helping your child choose a title, I suggest they choose a book that is about 100 pages in length. Because the projects come so close in dates, your child has about 1 month to read the book and do the project. Since you know your child's reading level and interest best, help them choose a book that interests them and is something they can finish in 1 month.

*Your child's book must be approved by the teacher before they may start reading it. As soon as they have a title they are interested in, have them bring it to school for approval. Please help them choose books they have not already read.*

As stated earlier, more will be coming home giving full details about the projects. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation!

-Mrs. Blankevoort

Due Dates and Genres are as follows:

Book Report:	Genre/Type:	Book checked by teacher by:	Project Due:	Project Type:
1	Fantasy or Science Fiction	Sept. 14 (Mon)	October 16	Skeleton Book Report
2	Biography	Oct 26	Dec 4	File Folder Report
3	Newberry Winner or Realistic Fiction	Dec 14	Jan 22	Sandwich Report
4	Mystery or Action	Feb 1	Mar 5	Book Jacket
5	Historical Fiction	Mar 15	Apr 23	Memory Bag

Below are definitions of the genres:

**Mystery/Action:** A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story. Ex: Nancy Drew, Boxcar Children, Hardy Boys, Swiss Family Robinson, Kidnapped!, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

**Newberry Winner:** A book that has officially been awarded the Newberry Medal. (A list will be sent home with some suggested titles.)

**Realistic Fiction:** A story using made up characters but could happen in real life. Ex: The Report Card, Ramona and her Mother,

**Biography:** The story of a real person's life written by another person. Ex: Heroes of America series,

**Fantasy:** A story that includes elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. Ex: Chocolate Touch, Harry Potter, Mouse and the Motorcycle

**Science Fiction:** A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (time machines, robots, etc) Ex: My teacher is an Alien, My Robot Buddy, Magic School Bus

**Historical Fiction:** A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination. Ex: Dear America series, American Girls series