

SUMMER READING

SELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

- Chose one of the following books to read with your child and complete the project below. Feel free to read both stories if you like. After reading the story, have your child retell the story in their own words and explain which part of the story they liked most and why.
- Read the story prompt “The Naked Cupcake” to your child and have them come up with an ending for their story. Remember, this is your child’s story. It may sound unusual to you, but encourage their creativity. (Parents, you may write for your child or have your child recopy the story in their own handwriting)
- Finally, Make cupcakes with your child. Use cupcake mix or your own recipe. Take pictures as you bake and make a picture recipe book! Allow your child to be creative with the cupcake decorations. Take pictures of your child’s favorite cupcake designs. These will be displayed in the classroom. **Pace yourself, this is not a one night project.**

*Project Due Date: September 7, 2011

- **One point will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late. *Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.**

Harper, Charise Mericle. **Cupcake: A Journey to Special.** Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Cupcake, feeling drab because he is only vanilla, and his friend, Candle, come up with a plan to make themselves stand out in the crowd.

Numeroff, Laura. **If You Give a Cat a Cupcake.** Harper Collins 2008. This story begins with a girl, a cat that originally appeared in Numeroff's *If You Give a Pig a Party* (HarperCollins, 2005), and a cupcake. The cat asks for some sprinkles, and naturally, they spill on the floor. Cleaning them up makes the cat hot, so he asks for a bathing suit, and hijinks ensue. The resulting series of events leads the protagonist and the cat to the beach, into a boat, through an amusement park, and eventually back to the sprinkles and another cupcake.

Story Prompt

The naked cupcake

Once upon a time,
long, long, ago,
there lived a cupcake
who was missing its frosting.

He was very sad because he had
no icing,
no sprinkles,
no chocolate chips,
no Oreo cookies,
no Bubble Yum bubble gum,
and no gummy dinosaurs.

But then,
one day its mommy said,
"Come cupcake,
it's time for for us to go the store to..."

Example #1

I think the cup cake chooses pink frosting because she is a girl and she likes her mother's frosting. It is soooooo yummy. She also chooses m&m's as decoration and a curious George plastic picture as a hat on top of the frosting.

That's what I think.

Example #2

So the little cupcake decided to go to her friend's house and asked her friend what kind of frosting she should have.

The cupcake's friend said, "Why don't you have the same frosting as I have or you can pick your favorite color?" So the cupcake decided to pick her favorite color.

The cupcake's mom and the little cupcake went back to the store. The store was all out of her favorite color.

Each Picture Recipe Book should contain the following:

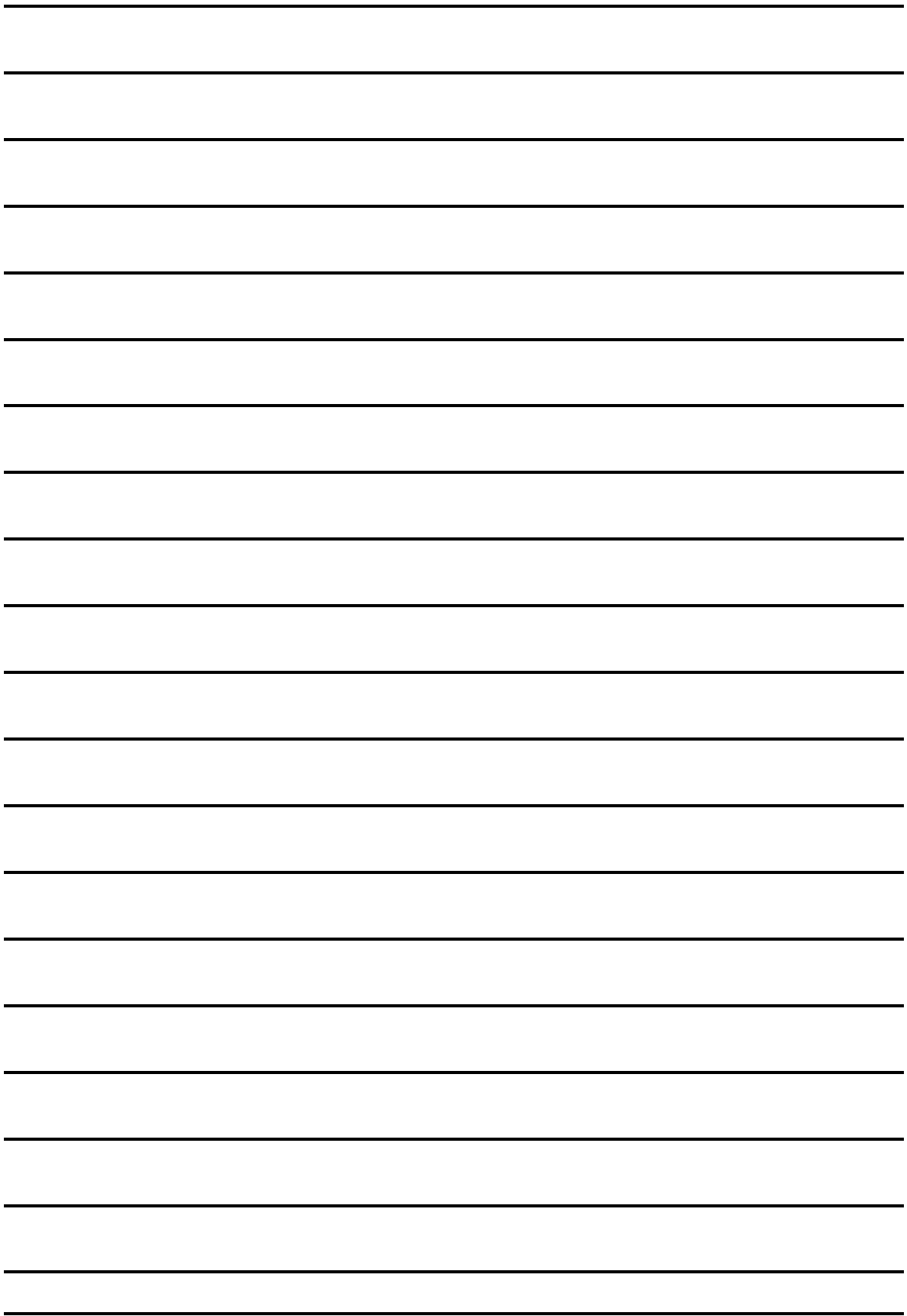
- A cover (decorated by your child and should include:
The name of your cookbook, **inspired by** “the name of your chosen book”...for example)

Ms. Jenkins' Fabulous Cupcakes
Inspired by
Cupcake: A Journey to Special, by Charise M. Harper

- About the Author page – picture(s) of child, name (written by the child), date of birth, city of residence, favorite color, favorite cupcake, handprint
- At least 3 picture pages showing your child making the cupcakes from start to finish (parents, you may write captions for the pictures, but it is not necessary)
- The Naked Cupcake (This page is provided)
- When your Picture Recipe Book is ready to assemble, line up all the pages and staple them together or you can punch a couple of holes on the left side and have your child thread a piece of yarn through the holes to secure the pages.

SCORING RUBRIC

	Not Attempted	Mostly Completed	As Expected
___1. Book is complete, submitted on time, neatly constructed, and colorful.	0	1-5	6-10
	None	Some	All
___2. Book consists of required components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cover • 3 pages of pictures (parents, you may write for the child) • The book must be held together by some type of adhesive, staple or string • “The Naked Cupcake” • About the Author page – picture(s) of child, name, date of birth, city of residence, favorite color, favorite cupcake, handprint 	0	1-10	11-15
Final Project Grade	None	Needs Improvement	As Expected
	0	1-15	16-25



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SELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FIRST GRADE

Please choose **one** book from the booklist below to complete the summer reading project. Students should also choose an additional book to read for enjoyment.

These books may be read TO the students.

My Pop Pop and me, by Smalls, I.

My best friend, by Rodman, M. A

The Seven Silly Eaters, Mary Ann Hoberman and Marla Frazee

Leo the Late Bloomer, by Robert Kraus

Ruby Bridges, by Robert Cole

White Socks Only, by Evelyn Coleman

I Like Me!, by Nancy Carlson

Marvin One Too Many, by K. Patterson

A million fish . . . more or less, by McKissack, P. C.

Why mosquitoes buzz in people's ears: A West African tale, Aardema, V.

Make a picture mobile representing the characters and events in your book. Write a descriptive sentence about each character and event. All pictures and writing must be the student's own work.

***Project Due Date: September 7, 2011**

Five points will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late.

***Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.**

Each mobile should contain the following:

- A picture representing a total of **five** characters and/or events
- A sentence describing each pictorial representation (sentences should be placed on the back of each picture)
- Child's name
- Title of Book
- Author of Book
- Two sentences telling if he/she liked the book and why or why not.

Please be sure to adhere to all guidelines, as they will be used to assess an overall grade for the project. A project rubric, which the teacher will use to calculate your child's grade for the assignment is below. **Please note this project will count as a Grammar and Writing test grade for the first quarter.** All writing must be in the child's handwriting. If needed, it is recommended that the child vocalizes the sentence and the parent writes the initial sentence. The child may then copy the sentence for the project.

SCORING RUBRIC

	Not Attempted	Mostly Completed	As Expected
____ 1. Mobile is complete, neatly constructed, colorful, and can be hung	0	1-5	6-10
	None	Some	All
____ 2. Mobile consists of required components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A picture representing a minimum of five characters and events • A sentence describing each pictorial representation • Child's name • Title of Book • Author of Book • Two sentences telling if you liked the book or not 	0	1-10	11-15
	None	Needs Improvement	As Expected
____ 3. Writes using phonetic and formal spelling AND Words are properly capitalized and punctuation is properly used	0	1-10	11-20
	Much parent help	Some parent help	Child's own work
____ 7. Child's Work	1-4	5-9	10

_____ **Total Points/Grade**

_____ **Parent Signature**

SUMMER READING

SELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SECOND GRADE

Please have your child choose one pair of books from the list below and complete the "Book Report in a Bag". Directions and materials needed for this project are below.

These books may be read TO the students, if needed.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, by John Steptoe and *The Korean Cinderella*, by Shirley Climo

OR

The Wolf Who Cried Boy, by Bob Hartman and *Never Cry Woof!* retold and illustrated by Jane Wattenberg

***Project Due Date: September 7, 2011**

Five points will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late. ***Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.**

Materials:

brown paper bag (from grocery store)
crayons, paint, or colored pencils
notebook paper
glue or tape

Procedure:

Read one pair of books. Choose which version you like best and create a "Book Report in a Bag". On the front side of the bag, you will use colored pencils, paint, or crayons to draw a picture representing the main idea or plot of the book. You will need to compare and contrast the two versions of the story on the back of the paper bag using a Venn Diagram. A paragraph comparing and contrasting the two stories should also be attached to the back of the bag, concluding with at least two sentences about why you liked one version better. The summary should be written on notebook paper, first and then glued or taped to the paper bag. The title of the book and the

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SELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THIRD GRADE

Please choose **one** book from the list below.

Got a Job to Do? , Rent a Third Grader, by B.B. Hiller

Busybody Nora, by Johanna Hurwitz

Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit, by Paula Danziger

Flossie and the Fox, by Patricia McKissack

Students will design a "book float" for their chosen book. They will decorate the shoe box to go with the book, and it will be like a float in a parade.

Please be sure to adhere to all guidelines, as they will be used to assess an overall grade for the project. A scoring guideline form, which the teacher will use to calculate your child's grade for the assignment is on the reverse. Please note this project will count as a Writing and Grammar test grade for the first quarter.

***Project Due Date: September 7, 2011**

Five points will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late. ***Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.**

Materials:

empty shoe box

construction paper or gift wrap paper

scissors

crayons

pencil

paper

miscellaneous natural materials (rocks, sand, leaf clippings, etc., as needed)

other miscellaneous materials (craft sticks, etc., as needed)

Procedure:

Each student is asked to decorate an upside down shoe box to correspond with a scene from the book or the book's general theme (planets, pioneers, biography, horses, etc.) The students need to visualize this as a "float" in a

parade—a book parade. Each project will be graded according to the following instructions and requirements:

1. All advertisement on the shoe box should be covered.
2. The title of the book should be neatly displayed on one side of the "float". This title should be written in correct form with the proper words capitalized and the whole title underlined (for example: Little House on the Prairie). The author's name should also be written after the title.
3. A neat and brief summary of the book should be on the other side of the "float" (5 sentences minimum/paragraph). The summary should end with the student telling if he/she liked the book and why or why not.
4. The student's name should be written neatly on the back of the "float".
5. Natural materials or student-made decorations should be used to build the scene on the shoe box. Purchased materials should be used sparingly.

SCORING GUIDELINE

	Not Attempted	Mostly Completed	As Expected
___ 1. Box Is Covered	0	1-5	6-10
	None	Information is There	Neatly Done
___ 2. Title and Author on Side Neatly and Underlined	0	1-8	9-15
	None	Needs Improvement	As Expected
___ 3. Summary (5 sentences/paragraph) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalization and punctuation rules followed • Handwriting neat and legible • Correct Spelling 	0	1-10	11-20
	Half or Less	Mostly	All Natural or Made
___ 4. Natural/Made Materials	0-5	6-15	16-20
	Much parent help	Some parent help	Child's own work
___ 7. Child's Work	1-4	5-9	10

_____ **Total Points**

_____ **Parent Signature**

_____ **Grade**

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SELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FOURTH GRADE

Read the following book.

The Lemonade War, Jacqueline Davies

Please be sure to adhere to all guidelines, as they will be used to assess an overall grade for the project. A scoring guideline form, which the teacher will use to calculate your child's grade for the assignment is on the reverse. Please note this project will count as a Writing and Grammar test grade for the first quarter.

Project Due Date: September 7, 2011

Five points will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late. Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.

Be a literary agent. Pretend you are a literary agent representing the author of your book. Write to Harry Decision, editor of young adult fiction at Bantam Books, explaining why you feel he should publish your author's book. A summary of the story should be included in the letter along with a brief description of at least two main characters. The letter should be a **minimum of one typed page** and proper letter format is required. Create a book jacket, which includes an illustration for the front cover to go along with your letter.

OR

Imagine that you are the author of the book you have just read. Suddenly, the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, plot, etc., would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play the various roles. A summary of the story should be included in the letter along with a brief description of at least two main characters. The letter should be a **minimum of one typed page** and proper letter format is required. Create a poster advertisement for your movie.

SCORING RUBRIC

SCORING GUIDELINE

	Possible	Earned
Proper Letter Formatting Address, date, greeting, salutation, signature	5	_____
Body of Letter Book summary (10) Explicit reason for why book should be published with supporting details (10) Description of main characters (10) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Book summary (7) Explanation of why book would make a good film (10) Description of main characters and corresponding actors to play the role (10) Filming location (3)	30	_____
Illustration Book Jacket <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Advertisement Poster	15	_____
Grammar Capitalization & Punctuation Rules Followed Correct Spelling Paragraph indentation	20	_____
Letter is typed	10	_____
Total	80	_____

_____ **Total Points**

_____ **Parent Signature**

_____ **Grade**

SUMMER READING

SELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FIFTH GRADE

Please choose one book from the list below.

Fleming, Candace. *Fabled Fifth Graders of Aesop Elementary School*

When Mr. Jupiter's class starts fifth grade, the students and their teacher arrive wearing identical toucan headdresses. The moral of the story: Birds of a feather flock together. Mr. Jupiter and his class spend the school year together: learning, and having fun with lessons like singing hamsters and George Washington's teeth.

Buckley, Michael *THE FAIRY TALE DETECTIVES*

Sisters Grimm Series When their parents disappear, Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with a quirky grandmother. She lives among fairy tale characters who are not always the heroes they were made out to be.

Smith, Robert *THE WAR WITH GRANDPA*

Upset that he has to give up his room to his grandfather, Pete decides to declare war in an attempt to get the room back.

Please be sure to adhere to all guidelines, as they will be used to assess an overall grade for the project. A scoring guideline form, which the teacher will use to calculate your child's grade for the assignment is on the reverse. Please note, this project will count as a Writing and Grammar test grade for the first quarter.

Project Due Date: September 7, 2011

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A.) Pretend you are making a movie of your book and are casting it. Choose the actors and actresses that you would like to play the main characters. Write separate letters to a minimum of three actors/actresses asking them to star in your movie. The letter must include a character sketch or description of the character that they will portray and a reason why they are the best choice to portray the character. Proper letter format is required. Each letter should consist of two typed paragraphs.

OR

How to Make a Diorama

A diorama is a mini-world - an entire landscape in a box, carry case, or window. Here's how to build your own.

Steps:

1. Decide on a scale. This is key, because a diorama becomes believable to the extent that it looks "real." If you've got a focus (a Barbie doll, a particular plastic dinosaur), use that scale. If not, try 1 foot to 1 inch - it's pretty standard.
2. Collect your materials - human and/or animal figures, palm trees or sugar cubes to build an igloo, dollhouse furniture and miniature foods for an interior scene.
3. Decide on a background - you can paint or draw your own or use wallpaper or wrapping paper (or anything else you can find). Remember, though, that the background images should be consistent with the scale you've chosen.
4. Choose a container. Many children's school projects use cardboard boxes or shoe boxes, but you can use just about anything. It should be light but fairly sturdy, especially if you will need to move the diorama around.
5. Build your diorama working from the back to the front - start with the background (don't forget the sky/ceiling and ground/floor). Then place large objects such as trees. The smallest objects should go farthest forward. Use glue or putty to secure the objects.

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SELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SIXTH GRADE

Assigned Reading: Elijah of Buxton, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Please be sure to adhere to all guidelines, as they will be used to assess an overall grade for the project. Please note this project will count as an English test grade for the first quarter.

Project Due Date: September 7, 2011

Five points will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late. Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.

Choose one of the following book report formats.

Create a mini-comic book retelling a chapter of the book. A **one page typed** summary of the book should also be submitted.

Make three posters about the book (representing the beginning, middle, and end) using two or more of the following media: paint, crayons, chalk, paper, ink, real materials. Write **two typed** paragraphs describing each poster.

Pretend you are making a movie of your book and are casting it. Choose the actors and actresses that you would like to play the main characters. Write separate letters to each of the actors/actresses (at least 3) asking them to star in your movie. The letter must include a brief summary of the book along with a character sketch or description of the character they will portray and a reason why they are the best choice to portray the character. Proper letter format is required. Each letter should consist of **two** paragraphs. Each paragraph should have a minimum of 5 sentences. All letters must be typed.

Grading Rubric 6th Grade Summer Reading

	4	3	2	1
Overall Presentation	Student went above requirement for assignment. Student showed creativity and imagination in presentation.	Student included all components of assignment. Work is neat and legible.	Student included most of the components of the assignment; however directions were not fully followed.	Student included little to no required components. OR Student wrote a basic book report
Grammar	Capitalization and Punctuation Rules followed No spelling errors Good sentence structure Writing is fluid	Capitalization and Punctuation rules followed (a few mistakes) Minimal spelling errors Good sentence structure Writing is fluid	Capitalization or punctuation rules are inconsistently followed Spelling errors Writing is choppy	Fragment or run-on sentences Many spelling errors No paragraph structure Many capitalization and spelling errors
Written Criteria (Comic Book)	More than one page typed summary	One page typed summary	Less than one page typed summary	Summary is not typed
Written Criteria (Poster)	More than two typed paragraphs describing each poster	Two typed paragraphs describing each poster	Less than two typed paragraphs describing each poster	Paragraphs are not typed
Written Criteria Movie Letter – 6th grade)	Separate letter for each main character including: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. Each letter is typed and contains more than two paragraphs. Proper letter format including: address, date, greeting, salutation, and	Separate letter for each main character including: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. Each letter is typed and contains two paragraphs. Proper letter format including: address, date, greeting, salutation, and signature are included	Separate letter for each main character; however one component is missing: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. OR Each letter is typed, but contains less than two paragraphs. Letter format is	Does not meet the requirement of a 2.

	signature are included		somewhat followed	
Visual Criteria (Comic Strip)	Comic strip vividly tells the main events in the selected chapter. Pictures correspond to word bubbles. Pictures are neatly drawn and colorful. Layout is easy to follow	Comic strip tells the main events in the selected chapter. Pictures are neatly drawn. Words are included. Layout is easy to follow.	Pictures are included, but do not follow the format of a comic strip. Subtitles are used.	Does not meet the criteria of a 2 OR no visual representations.
Visual Criteria (Posters)	Three different posters – representing the beginning, middle, and ending of the book. More than two types of media are used. Pictures are neatly drawn or displayed.	Three different posters – representing the beginning, middle, and ending of the book. Two types of media are used. Pictures are neatly drawn or displayed.	Three different posters; however it is not clear which poster represents the beginning, middle, or ending of the book. Less than two types of media are used. Pictures are haphazardly drawn or displayed.	Does not meet the criteria of a 2 OR no visual representation.

Total: _____/_____

Name: _____

SUMMER READING

SELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE

Assigned Reading: The Skin I'm In, by Sharon G. Flake

Please be sure to adhere to all guidelines, as they will be used to assess an overall grade for the project. Please note this project will count as an English test grade for the first quarter.

Project Due Date: September 7, 2011

Five points will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late. Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.

Choose one of the following book report formats.

Create a mini-comic book retelling a chapter of the book. A 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ typed summary of the book should also be submitted.

Make three posters about the book (representing the beginning, middle, and end) using two or more of the following media: paint, crayons, chalk, paper, ink, real materials. Write **three typed** paragraphs describing each poster.

Pretend you are making a movie of your book and are casting it. Choose at least 4 actors and actresses that you would like to play the main characters. Write separate letters to each of the actors/actresses asking them to star in your movie. The letter must include a brief summary of the book along with a character sketch or description of the character they will portray and a reason why they are the best choice to portray the character. Proper letter format is required. Each letter should consist of **four** typed paragraphs. Each paragraph should have a minimum of 5 sentences.

Grading Rubric 7th Grade

	4	3	2	1
Overall Presentation	Student went above requirements for assignment. Student showed creativity and imagination in presentation.	Student included all components of assignment. Work is neat and legible.	Student included most of the components of the assignment; however directions were not fully followed.	Student included little to no required components. OR Student wrote a basic book report
Grammar	Capitalization and Punctuation Rules were followed No spelling errors Good sentence structure Writing is fluid	Capitalization and Punctuation rules followed (a few mistakes) Minimal spelling errors Good sentence structure Writing is fluid	Capitalization or punctuation rules are inconsistently followed Spelling errors Writing is choppy	Fragment or run-on sentences Many spelling errors No paragraph structure Many capitalization and spelling errors
Written Criteria (Comic Book)	More than 1 ½ page typed summary	1 ½ page typed summary	Less than 1 ½ page typed summary	Summary is not typed
Written Criteria (Poster)	More than three typed paragraphs describing each poster	Three typed paragraphs describing each poster	Less than three typed paragraphs describing each poster	Paragraphs are not typed
Written Criteria (Movie Letter)	More than three separate two paragraph letters for three main characters including: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. Each letter is typed and contains more than two paragraphs. Proper letter format including: address,	Three separate three paragraph letters for three main characters including: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. Each letter is typed Proper letter format including: address, date, greeting, salutation, and signature are included OR Does not meet the	Three separate three paragraph letters for three main characters; however one component is missing: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. OR Each letter is typed, but contains less than two paragraphs.	Does not meet the criteria of a 2.

	date, greeting, salutation, and signature are included	criteria of a 4	Letter format is somewhat followed	
Visual Criteria (Comic Strip)	Comic strip vividly tells the main events in the selected chapter. Pictures correspond to word bubbles. Pictures are neatly drawn and colorful. Layout is easy to follow	Comic strip tells the main events in the selected chapter. Pictures are neatly drawn and colorful. Words are included. Layout is easy to follow.	Pictures are included, but do not follow the format of a comic strip. Subtitles are used.	Does not meet the criteria of a 2 OR no visual representations.
Visual Criteria (Posters)	Three different posters – representing the beginning, middle, and ending of the book. More than two types of media are used. Pictures are neatly drawn or displayed.	Three different posters – representing the beginning, middle, and ending of the book. Two types of media are used. Pictures are neatly drawn or displayed.	Three different posters; however it is not clear which poster represents the beginning, middle, or ending of the book. Less than two types of media are used. Pictures are haphazardly drawn or displayed.	Does not meet the criteria of a 2 OR no visual representation.

Total: _____/_____

Name: _____

SUMMER READING

SELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING EIGHTH GRADE

Assigned Reading: Romiette and Julio, by Sharon M. Draper

Please be sure to adhere to all guidelines, as they will be used to assess an overall grade for the project. Please note this project will count as an English test grade for the first quarter.

Project Due Date: September 7, 2011

Five points will be deducted from the overall grade for each day it is late. Projects will not be accepted after September 9, 2011.

Choose one of the following book report formats.

Pretend you are making a movie of your book and are casting it. Choose the actors and actresses that you would like to play the main characters. Write separate letters to at least four actors/actresses asking them to star in your movie. The letter must include a brief summary of the book along with a character sketch or description of the character they will portray and a reason why they are the best choice to portray the character. Proper letter format is required. Each letter should be one page typed. Each paragraph should have a minimum of 5 sentences. All letters must be typed.

Students may give a video critique of the book. Included in the critique should be a summary of the book, a list of the main characters, author's name, and whether or not others should read the book. Students should also give their favorite chapter in the book and explain why it is appealing. A written transcript (everything said on the video should be written) of the clip should also be included. The video clip must be a minimum of 2 minutes and should not exceed 5 minutes.

Video clips must be submitted on dvd or uploaded to vimeo.com. A link of the clip should be sent to kia.jenkins@blairchristianacademy.com. Please familiarize yourself with the uploading process. This should not be done at the last minute.

Grading Rubric 8th Grade

	4	3	2	1
Overall Presentation	Student went above requirements for assignment. Student showed creativity and imagination in presentation.	Student included all components of assignment. Work is neat and legible.	Student included most of the components of the assignment; however directions were not fully followed.	Student included little to no required components. OR Student wrote a basic book report
Grammar	Capitalization and Punctuation Rules were followed No spelling errors Good sentence structure Writing is fluid	Capitalization and Punctuation rules followed (a few mistakes) Minimal spelling errors Good sentence structure Writing is fluid	Capitalization or punctuation rules are inconsistently followed Spelling errors Writing is choppy	Fragment or run-on sentences Many spelling errors No paragraph structure Many capitalization and spelling errors
Written Criteria (Movie Letter)	More than four one page letters for three main characters including: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. Each letter is typed. Proper letter format including: address, date, greeting, salutation, and signature are included	Four separate one page letters for three main characters including: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. Each letter is typed Proper letter format including: address, date, greeting, salutation, and signature are included OR Does not meet the criteria of a 4	Three separate one page letters for three main characters; however one component is missing: Brief summary of the book, character sketch or description of the character they will portray, reason why they are the best choice to portray character. OR Each letter is typed, but contains less than two paragraphs. Letter format is somewhat followed OR Does not meet the criteria of a 3	Does not meet the criteria of a 2.
Visual (Video Clip)	Video moves smoothly from shot to shot. A variety of	A variety of transitions are used. Good pacing and	No editing evident. Recording was done in one shot.	Not all of the components are included. Recording is sloppy or the

	<p>transitions are used to assist in communicating the main idea and smooth the flow from one scene to the next. Shots and scenes flow seamlessly. Digital effects are used appropriately for emphasis. All shots are clearly focused and well framed. The camera is held steady with few pans and zooms. The graphics and/or animation assist in presenting an overall theme that appeals to the audience and enhances concepts with a high impact message. Graphics explain and reinforce key points during the presentation. Extra ideas are included, such as music, credits, and pictures. Video is within the time limit. Written transcript is included.</p>	<p>timing. The audio is clear and assists in communicating the main idea. More than one recording is evident. The graphics or animation visually depict material and assist the audience in understanding the flow of information or content. All components are included. Video is within the time limit. Written transcript is included.</p>	<p>OR Transitions from shot to shot are choppy. There are many unnatural breaks and/or early cuts. The audio is inconsistent in clarity (too loud/too soft/garbled) at times and/or the background audio overpowers the primary audio. Some of the graphics and/or animations seem unrelated to the topic/theme and do not enhance concepts. Video is within the time limit. Written transcript is included</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Does not meet the criteria of a 3.</p>	<p>recording is under 2 minutes OR Written transcript is NOT included OR Does not meet the criteria of a 2</p>
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