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Independent Reading Book Projects Yearly Calendar

You will be reading books from lots of different genres this year. You will choose and read one book each month. The chosen book should be at your individual reading level (not too easy or too difficult). Each month you will complete an individual project. Projects and celebration events will be held at the end of each month.

Reading is a gift! Open the package and enjoy!

Project Due Date	Genre	Project
September 30th	Realistic Fiction	Bag the Elements
October 31st	Biography or Autobiography	Character Highs and Lows
November 30th	Traditional Literature: Fables, Fairy Tales, Folk Tales & Tall Tales	Puppet Shows & Plays
December 16th	Science Fiction	Windsock
January 31st	Mystery	Book Jacket
February 28th	Fantasy	Reading is a Gift
March 31st	Appropriate Genre: Newbery Award Winning Book – any genre	Character Traits Poster
April 28th	Historical Fiction	Flip Book
June 7th	Your Choice!	Scrapbook

Directions for projects will be handed out at the beginning of each month.

Book Report Presentation Outline

Please read over this outline so that you will be prepared to give an outstanding book report presentation!

Opening:

- *Introduce yourself to the class
- *Give the title of the book
- *Give the author of the book
- *Give the reading level of the book



Summary:

- *Do **Give a short 1-2 minute summary of the book**
- ***DO** be excited about your book- Your goal is to get EVERY student to want to read the book
- ***DO** share information in a **logical order**. Start at the beginning and give details in order. Don't jump around in the story. This will confuse your classmates and they will NOT be interested in the book.
- *Do **NOT** tell how the book ends

Project Share:

- *After you have given your summary, show your project to the class.
 - Explain what project you did.
 - You do NOT need to share everything that is written on it. The class can look at it in more detail later. Share what you find most interesting and how it relates to the book. MAKE IT EXCITING!

Lead a Q & A Session:

- *After you are done, ask your classmates if they have any questions that you can answer. Do your best to give answers that are more than "Yes" or "No".
- *The most common questions asked are:
 - What was your favorite part? (Be prepared to tell what it is and WHY)
 - Who would you recommend this to? (Be ready to explain this. *Is it funny?* Then people who like funny books would like it. *It is scary?* Then recommend that those who like scary stories would LOVE this book. Think about the book and who would like it.)

FEEL PROUD OF YOURSELF!

- *When you have completed the above steps you can enjoy the feeling of pride that you gave an AWESOME book report, and because of YOU, someone might pick-up a book and read it and be grateful that you shared it! Way to go you amazing presenter, you. Keep up the fabulous work!

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