

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summer is a great time for your child to practice what he/she has learned throughout the school year. There is no better activity for your child than to engage in reading. Not only will your child discover the joy of being lost in a book, he/she will practice the many skills and strategies he/she has learned all year.

Summer reading is meant to be enjoyable, we want reading to be fun and relaxing. Over the summer, we ask that your child read *A Whole New Ballgame* by Phil Bildner. This book is on Learning Ally! Please encourage your child to discuss their reading with you. Read together as a family. There are no limits when it comes to getting involved in a good story.

In addition to reading throughout the summer, we want to encourage your child to continue playing First in Math 2x a week for 20 minutes to keep the students on track for success in fourth grade.

Sincerely,

4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers

## Creative Project Assignment

Choose one of the creative projects below and complete the assignment based on the book. See the attached rubric for grading requirements.

Option #1: Create an information box

Make an information box with five significant items from the book, or that represent the topic of the book. On lined paper, write the name of each item in your box and a sentence for each item explaining the item's importance or why you choose to include that item. You may use any type of box to hold your items: shoe box, cereal box, tissue box, etc.

Option #2: Create an advertisement poster

Create a movie poster advertising your book. This may be completed on any type of paper you choose: poster paper, construction paper, etc. This assignment can also be created on any Google application (slides, docs etc.) Be creative!

The poster should include: - title and author of the book - a picture representing the central idea or topic of the book - two quotes or facts from the book that support the central idea or the topic - a rating of the book and a paragraph (3-5 sentences) explaining the rating (the rating should be out of 1 to 5 stars). This assignment can also be created on any Google application (slides, docs etc.) Be creative!

Option #3: Create a painting, collage or sculpture and an explanation

This should be a representation of the central idea or topic of the book. Along with your visual representation you should include a one paragraph (3-5 sentences) explanation of the representation and how it is related to the specific central idea or topic of the book you read. Visual representations can be: original drawing, original painting, collage, sculpture made of clay or other materials. If you choose to make a collage, it can be

created on any Google application (slides, docs etc.) Be creative! You will still need to bring in your visual representations the first week of school.

Points	2	1	0
Format	Meets all specified requirements	Meets all but one of the specified requirements	Does not follow or meet the specified requirements
Insight	Project demonstrates full comprehension of central idea, purpose, or topic of the book	Project demonstrates comprehension of central idea, purpose, or topic of the book	Project demonstrates limited to no comprehension of central idea, purpose, or topic of the book
Written work-content	Written work clearly explains the project using multiple pieces of textual evidence	Written work clearly explains the project using textual evidence	Written work does not explain the project and lacks textual evidence
Written work-mechanics	Zero- few grammatical errors	Several grammatical errors	Excessive grammatical errors
Creativity and effort	Shows creativity and superior effort	Shows creativity and average effort	Show limited creativity and lack of effort

Points earned \_\_\_\_\_/10