



Summer Reading, 2011

Dear Parents,

During the summer, I would like you to choose at least two books from the attached **Summer Reading List** and complete a reading project book report for each book. Have fun reading!

Book Report Projects

No matter which project you choose below, the following 7 elements are required:

1. Title of the book
2. Author and the illustrator (if there is one)
3. List of the main characters
4. Setting (location and time period)
5. A brief summary of the story (but don't give away the ending!)

A summary tells the overall story but does not include every detail from the story. This is a major challenge for children and even adults. Most will try to retell the story nearly scene for scene, getting lost in all the details. Use this summary of the movie "Toy Story" as a model for your book report summary:

A little boy named Andy loves playing with his toys, especially his doll named "Woody". However, when Andy is not around the toys actually come alive. Woody believes that he has a perfect life with Andy, except that he is worried about Andy's family moving. Andy has a birthday party and is given a new action figure known as Buzz Lightyear. Buzz is a fantastic toy who does not believe that he is a toy. He quickly becomes Andy's new

favorite toy. Woody is very sad and jealous and tries to get rid of Buzz. Woody and Buzz both get lost and have to find a way to get back to Andy before he moves without them. Will they become friends and help each other? Will they survive a ruthless toy killer named Sid? Read the book and find out!

6. Your recommendation or personal thoughts about the book

7. An important scene from the story

Book Report Ideas:

- Design a comic strip version of your book. Don't forget to include the 7 elements in the strip or on the back of the strip.
- Design a new book jacket for your book. Use the front and back cover and inside flaps for the 7 elements. Also include a blurb and a great cover illustration.
- Create book reports strips using four 5" by 7" cards connected with yarn. Write or draw your 7 elements on the cards.
- Create a diorama using a shoe box or cereal box depicting an important scene. Write a summary explaining the importance of this scene and make sure to write about or show the other 7 elements.
- Construct a wire mobile of your book. Have the 7 elements of information hanging down with yarn or string.
- Draw a mural showing scenes from your book. Make the 7 elements part of the mural or include them on the back.
- Create a board game of the story's plot. The 7 elements could be parts of the game or locations on the board.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stuart