

Gloucester Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

Students Entering Fourth Grade

Summer reading is a very important activity for the Gloucester City school system's students. Because of district concern for our students' reading abilities, which are reflected in their class work and standardized test scores, the district has summer reading requirements for all grade levels.

Students entering fourth grade in September will be assigned one book as required reading during the summer. **Be advised that the book your child brings home MUST be returned in good condition in September, or you will be required to pay for them.** After reading the book chosen the student will be required to do a project or book report to show they read and understood the book. This assessment should be returned to school by the end of the first full week of school and will count as one language classwork grade for the first marking period. Attached is a list of suggested projects that your child could do, but feel free to have your child do something not on the list. In addition, attached is a copy of the rubric which will be used to assess your child's project. This rubric lists the specific information that must be included in any project or book report.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the development of students' reading ability. In today's modern world, reading is the key to success in every aspect of life. The Gloucester City school system is committed to doing everything possible to build our students' reading abilities, but we must have the help and commitment of parents in order to do so effectively. Students need to read during the summer and not "take a vacation" from this crucial skill. It is also a good idea to encourage your child to read other books (especially those on the suggested reading lists) on his or her own as well.

We thank you advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you may call the school office at 456-7000 or the district's curriculum office at ext. 1550.

Book Titles

Required Reading: (one of these titles has been chosen by your child)

Title	Author
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein

Project

Below is a list of suggested projects that your child could complete following the reading of their summer reading book. This is a list of suggestion; feel free to complete an alternate project that is not included on this list.

- Make a cube depicting parts of the story
- Make a diorama or a mobile
- Make a poster to “sell” the story
- Design a book jacket
- Make a collage
- Make a banner
- Draw a mural
- Complete a story map for the story (also attached)

Project Requirements

Please remember that all projects must include the requirements listed on the below:

Content:

- Author & Illustrator (5 points)
- Title of the book (5 points)
- Setting (5 points)
- Main character(s) (5 points)
- Adjectives to describe one characters (5 points)
- Events in story (include a beginning, middle and end):
 - Beginning (10 points)
 - Middle (10 points)
 - End (10 points)
- Opinion of story (10 points)
- Student’s name on project (5 points)

Written Response:

- Capitalization (5 points)
- Punctuation (5 points)
- Complete sentences containing at least six words (10 points)
- Neatness (5 points)
- Spelling (5 points)