

Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading

THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE

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Dear rising 4th Grade student:

You need to have finished reading this book before the first day of school. You will need to bring this book to school with you. In class, this is the book you will use to write a book review. This will be your first graded English assignment.

As you are reading, ask yourself these questions:

- Who are the characters in the story?
- Make a list of the characters and what they are like.
- Where does the story take place? (the setting)
- What are the events that happen in the story? (the plot)
- In your own words, summarize this book in a couple of sentences.
- What lessons did you learn from this story?
- Did you like the book? Why or why not?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

**That's all you need to do for this Summer Reading Assignment!
READ THE BOOK, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOVE AS YOU
READ, AND BRING THE BOOK WITH YOU TO CLASS ON THE
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

*Are there any words in what you just read above that you don't know the meaning of? Use a dictionary to help you understand! A dictionary is organized in alphabetical order. What does alphabetical mean?

In class, we will work together on writing an essay with these four paragraphs:

1. Opinion (what you thought of the book)
2. Reason 1 (why did you like or not like the book)
3. Reason 2 (why did you like or not like the book)
4. Recommendation

We will write a rough draft of the essay, then revise it, proofread it, and publish it. In 3rd grade, we used this writing process a few times! What does revise mean? What does proofread mean?

- You will need to write in complete sentences. A complete sentence always contains a verb, expresses a complete idea and makes sense standing alone.

- You will need to use correct punctuation, follow capitalization rules, and fix spelling errors by using the dictionary.

In 2nd and 3rd grades, we learned about nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and conjunctions. Lets review below:

What is a noun? _____

What is a pronoun? _____

What is a verb? _____

What is an adjective? _____

What is a conjunction? _____

This year we will continue to build on what we've learned so far and also learn about adverbs and prepositions!