

Fifth to Sixth Grade Summer Reading

Mandatory book: The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. There will be a test on this book the first day of school.

Choose one of the following books and complete the book report form. This needs to be turned in on the first day of school.

Al Capone Does my Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

Schooled by Gordon Korman

Rumble Fish by S.E. Hinton

Nothing But the Truth by Avi

A New Cereal on the Shelf

If you could invent a cereal based on the fictional book you read, what would it be? After you think of a name and shape for your cereal, you'll design a cereal box for it.

Materials: empty cereal box, white or light colored paper, scissors, markers, colored pencils or crayons, construction paper, glue, tape

Directions:

1. Find a book that interests you and is at an appropriate reading level for you.

Book Title _____

Author _____

2. Think about what you will name your cereal. Choose a name that sounds enticing and that relates to the story in some way. Then, choose a shape for the cereal, as well as colors and ingredients that also relate to the book. For example, for Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, you might invent a cereal called Wizard Wands, a toasted oat cereal in the shape of miniature lightning bolts.

3. Cover an empty cereal box with white or light colored paper. Or you might want to write and draw on appropriate-sized sheets of paper and then glue them onto the box. Write a rough draft and draw sketches before moving on to your final copy. Here are the guidelines for each side of the box.

Front- Write the name of your cereal and draw a picture to go with it. You might draw characters or other pictures to help you sell your product. Make your cereal box look appealing and fun. Look at actual cereal boxes for ideas.

Back- Design a game that is based on the story. It can be a puzzle, a word game, or any other fun activity that might be found on the back of a cereal box. Make sure it includes information from the book.

Right Side- Under the heading "Ingredients", list the main characters and write a sentence about each one. Then describe the setting.

Left Side- Write a summary of the book. Describe the conflict and the resolution.

Top- Write the title and author of the book and your name.