

Pleasant View School

3rd Grade Summer Reading Program

Students entering fourth grade for 2011-2012 school year are required to read one book from the following list and take the AR test for that book. Additionally, they have to do one of the projects listed below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nightmare at the Book Fair by Dan Gutman
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zombiekins by Kevin Bolger

Summer Reading Activities

After reading, decide which book you want to do a project on. Every student is required to complete **one activity** from the list below to show his/her comprehension of the book he/she chose. Remember to **use the rubric** to see what you need to include in your project for the best grade.

Due date: Thursday and Friday, August 18 & 19, 2011

- Create a tri-fold storyboard. The storyboard should include the following elements: title, author, main characters, setting, summary, the author's purpose, and the tone/mood.
- Build a miniature stage setting of a scene in the book. Include a written or typed explanation of the scene. ½-page to a 1-page paper.
- Think about the most important parts in the story. Create a comic book. Include pictures and dialogues. Make it colorful.
- Dress like your favorite character in the story. Write or type a 1-page to 2-page paper describing your favorite character. Ideas to include in your paper are the characteristics, the character's personality, how the character feels about the problem in the story, what the character likes/dislikes, etc.
- Create an 8-inch or bigger sculpture of a character in the story. Use any combination of soap, wood, clay, sticks, wire, old toy pieces, or any other object. A 1-page to 1 ½-page explanation of how this character fits into the book should accompany the sculpture.

Student Name _____

Summer Reading Rubric

Book Chosen: Dragonbreath, Nightmare at the Book Fair, Runaway Ralph, or Zombiekins

	Possible Points	Points Earned
Was your summer reading project turned in by the due date?	10	
Did your summer reading project show a lot of thought and creativity? Is it colorful, neat, clean, etc.?	20	
Did your summer reading project include a title, your name, and a date?	20	
Did you present your summer reading project in front of the class without any mistakes? Did you speak clearly? Was everyone able to hear you properly? Did you pronounce words correctly?	20	
Did your project place proper emphasis on important items? Did your project/paper completely portray concepts of the book or the character?	20	
Are the spelling, punctuation, and grammar correct in your summer reading project?	10	

Total ____/100 Points