Third Grade Summer Reading and Book Project

Over the summer, students will choose and create a cereal book project at home. Students will decorate a real cereal box with illustrations and information related to the fiction book and nonfiction book and/or article using the directions below.

Fiction books (one of these books MUST be chosen)

- Midnight on the Moon
- Afternoon on the Amazon
- Twister on Tuesday

<u>Nonfiction book and/or article</u> – Please choose either a book or an article from a magazine or newspaper relating to your fiction book.

Example: If you choose *Twister on Tuesday*, please choose a nonfiction book or an article related to twisters or other terrible storms.

YOUR BOOK PROJECT IS DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!

<u>Front of the box</u>: Use a piece of white or light colored paper to cover the front of your box. (You will probably want to create the cover before gluing it on your box.) INCLUDE the title, author and an illustration. At the bottom portion of the box, write a summary that describes the main problem and the solution of the book.

<u>Right side of the box</u>: Make a list of ingredients that includes the story elements <u>characters</u> and <u>setting</u>. Under the heading "ingredients," list the main characters and write a sentence about each. Then describe the setting. You can use the included template for this or make your own... make sure to use light colored paper.

<u>Back of the box</u>: (Nonfiction book or article): Cover the back the same as the front of the box. Include the title and author at the top. Under the title write what the main topic of the book/article was about. In the middle of the box write 3 new facts you learned about the topic.

<u>Left side of the box</u>: List any new vocabulary words you learned (no need to write definitions, they should be able to explain). Under your new words write a question that you still have about the topic. Lastly, write a book recommendation. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

FICTION BOOK TEMPLATE

Right Side of Box

Cut out this box and place it on the right side of

your cereal box.

Characters:

List the main characters and write a sentence about each one. For example, if you were using the story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," you might include the following characters:

<u>Charlie Bucket</u>: He is a poor boy who finds the last Golden ticket and wins a trip to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

<u>Willy Wonka</u>: He is the lively owner of the chocolate factory who allows six children and a member of their family to spend a day at his magical factory.

Setting:

Use complete sentences to tell where the story takes place. You may find that there is more than one setting in the story. For example, if you were using the story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," you might write:

The beginning of the story takes place in Charlie Bucket's very small house that he shares with his large family. Once Charlie finds the golden ticket and wins the contest, the rest of the story takes place in Willy Wonka's amazing chocolate factory.

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