

Read a book over the summer. It can be fiction or nonfiction. You get to choose. Be sure the book is at your INDEPENDENT READING LEVEL so that you can understand it.

After you have finished reading the book, put together a book report. Follow these directions:

◆ Use a small paper bag like the kind used for lunches.

◆ On the outside of the bag, write the following:

1. The title of the book
2. The author of the book
3. Your name
4. A picture or symbol of something in the book

Please **spell** everything correctly since you can copy the title and author directly from the book cover!

◆ Next, you will add items to the bag. You will be adding FOUR items. The things you put in the bag can be flat (like pictures you draw) or three-dimensional like plastic toys.

These are the items you need:

1. Add something to the bag that represents the book's setting. This is WHERE the story took place or it can be WHEN the story took place.
2. Add something to the bag that represents the main character.
3. Add something to the bag that represents the conflict. This is the problem that the character has to solve.
4. Add something to the bag that represents the theme. This is what you think the author wants you to LEARN after reading the book. It might be the moral to the story. Sometimes the author has a character state the theme when the character learns a life lesson after dealing with the problem.

That's it. Easy, right? You will be able to come up with four things to put in the bag if you pick a book that you can read and understand. Be sure to read the book carefully. Since you have the whole summer to do it, you might even decide to read the book twice.

◆ When you come to school in August, you will be showing the class your book report and explaining what the four items in the bag mean. You will probably want to practice explaining the things in your paper bag book report to your family before you come back to school!

I can't wait to see you!