

5th Grade – Oral Book Reports, Current Events & Poems



Oral book reports & current events will be given every other month. Students will take turns on giving either a book report or current event report based on their student number within their classroom. The requirements are as follows and the due dates are below:

BOOK REPORTS:

1. All book report books **MUST** be about an Accelerated Reader book that is at the student's Accelerated Reader level (you must be within your ZPD range).
 - a. You must share orally with the class the title of the book, the author, what happened in the beginning, middle, & end, and rate the book on a scale from 1-10. This is worth 100 points! (A two (2) minute summary!)
2. You must have read the book within the last 2 months of giving your report and be able to take an AR test on the book, or have taken an AR test on the book within the last 2 months.
3. Must complete a project from the list provided. Explain the project during your presentation.

CURRENT EVENTS:

1. All current event reports must come from a news article of some sort (newspaper, journal, magazine, or the Internet). The information in your report must be about something that is happening within the United States or affects the United States in some way.
2. Students must bring a copy of the article into their teacher prior to their presentation for approval. They should also bring a copy on the day they present. The second copy will be posted in the classroom, so please make it look presentable. Example: Add a border to the article, add stickers, etc.
3. When presenting students should give a summary about the article to the classroom, as well as, explain to the class why this information is important to the United States and how it affects our country. (A two (2) minute summary!)

POEMS:

- On the months where book reports aren't being given, your child will be required to memorize, recite, and act out a poem. The poems should be 12 lines or longer. Students should add creativity and expression to their poem, simply memorizing and reciting the poem will result in a letter grade of a "C". Students should also rehearse and perform the poem at home prior to coming to class.

DUE DATES:

August, October, December, February, April: Your child will be responsible to memorize & recite a poem.

September: Book report given by (**even numbered students**)
Current event reports for September given by (**odd numbered students**).

November: Book report given by (**odd numbered students**).
Current event reports for November given by (**even numbered students**).

January: Book report given by (**even numbered students**).
Current event reports for January given by (**odd numbered students**).

March: Book report given by (**odd numbered students**)
Current event reports for March given by (**even numbered students**).