

January Book Report

Due: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

For this book report, you will write a letter to a friend or relative and you will tell about the chapter book you are reading this month. You need to select a realistic fiction book. Use this sheet as your model. Write your letter in proper cursive (or print, although *only if you do not know cursive*) on binder paper in appropriate letter & paragraph format. Watch your margins! Neatness and spelling always count. **You may type your final copy, and if you elect to do so, I do want to see your handwritten rough draft (in cursive☺).** Decorate your margins so your letter looks like it is on stationary.

Sample:



February 8, 2112

Dear _____,

I want to tell you about the chapter book I have been reading. It is (title) _____ by (author) _____. It was published in (year) _____ and it is _____ pages long. The main setting of the book is _____ (detailed description of setting) _____. The book is about _____ (briefly tell about the book in 50 to 75 words—beginning, middle, & end).

My favorite character is (name of favorite character) _____, because (describe what you like about this character) _____. One of my favorite parts in the book was when (brief retelling of favorite part) _____. The (funniest, saddest, most frightening) part of this book was when (name of favorite character & describe briefly what happened) _____. I think you would/would not like to read this book because _____.

Your friend,

Your Name



The book I am reading for this report is _____ pgs.

I am aware of this assignment. _____
Parent Signature Student Name

*Please sign and return the bottom of this form by Thursday, January 19.

January Letter Book Report Grading Form



- _____ *The Date is on your letter – top right (1 pt)*
- _____ *Appropriate Greeting with proper punctuation (2 pts)*
- _____ *Indented paragraphs (2 pts)*
- _____ *Proper margins (2 pts)*
- _____ *Appropriate Closing with proper punctuation (2 pts)*
- _____ *Your letter is neatly written in cursive, or typed (with accompanying hand written rough draft) (4 pts)*
- _____ *Interesting and detailed sentences (at least 50-75 words describing book – paragraph 1) (15 pts)*
- _____ *Character description & favorite part of book – paragraph 2 (10 points)*
- _____ *You decorated margins or added illustrations to look like stationery (3 pts)*

- _____ *Grammar, Punctuation, & Spelling (4 pts)*

- _____ *Final Grade /45 pts.*

Comments: