

Summer Reading Project

Based on what grade level you will be entering in the fall, please read the selected book.

- Grade 6: *There's an Owl in the Shower* by Jean Craighead George
- Grade 7 & 8: *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry

Project:

After reading your assigned book, you will create a Themed Restaurant Menu based on your book.

Materials:

- Paper (no smaller than 8 ½ X 11, but I would prefer larger since most menus are)
- colored pencils/crayons/markers: Make it eye catching

Instructions:

You will fold your paper in half so that there are 4 sides (Cover, inside left, inside right, back cover). Each side has its own list of requirements listed below

- **FRONT COVER**

Image: a central image that depicts a theme, character, or action sequence from your book. This can be created digitally and printed, or it can be hand-drawn. Creativity is what counts.

Restaurant Name: This should NOT be the name of your book, but something that speaks to the THEME of your book

Owner: Author's Name

Proprietor: Your Name
This should be neatly done.

- **INSIDE LEFT**

Concise Summary of your story: Think about a plot diagram and explain the theme, major events and characters, the conflict, and the resolution of the conflict. This should be a minimum of 2 - 3 paragraphs (it can be longer, but must fill up the inside left of the menu). You can include images around your writing to add interest or explanation.

- **INSIDE RIGHT**

Detail Dishes: Create dishes based on characters or locations or events. What would they be and how does this explain the character or the importance of the locations or events?

Entree dishes - *you can base more than one dish on the major characters (Minimum of 10) You should also list cost

“Sides” for minor characters (Minimum of 5 sides) You should also list cost

“Feature” section: Create a “playlist” for the book. Choose 5-10 songs that the restaurant might play while customers are dining to set the mood. These may be from any genre or era. Think about how the song may support or depict the events from the story.

- **BACK COVER**

Review: Write a review of the book here. You will give the book a star rating (1-5 stars). Your review should support that rating.

A review should speak to how well the story is told, the images it creates in the reader’s mind, and how well it connects the reader to the characters and the action. It also includes a recommendation. Would you recommend the book or not? Why? (be thoroughly explanatory here). This should be a minimum of 2 - 3 well-written paragraphs.

There are some examples posted below the grading rubric

Grading Rubric:

Component Content: (25 points)

All instructions were followed with excellence and thoroughness. required components are present.

Cover Creativity / Neatness: (25 points)

Cover and presentation of all components are neat, creatively presented, and logically organized in the correct locations.

Writing Content: (25 points)

Summary and Review are concise and well-written. Punctuation and structure are correct and the information flows well. All required points are thoroughly covered.





