

Mount Vernon School Summer Reading 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

All K-7 Mount Vernon students will receive one “borrowed” book to read over the summer. Research shows that independent recreational reading and sharing the experience with someone who cares increases literacy skills dramatically.



This summer your child is expected to read the book provided and complete two of the summer assignments enclosed. If your child did not receive a book, please visit the Newark, South Orange or Maplewood Public Libraries where the librarians are available to work one-on-one with your child to support him/her with choosing an appropriate grade level book. Furthermore, the library offers motivating incentive programs throughout the summer.

Wishing you a wonderful reading-filled summer!
Interim Principal Handfield

INCOMING FIRST GRADE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

For our incoming first grade students, since most children will not be able to read independently, we encourage you to read with your child and engage in meaningful conversations about the lessons in the book as frequently as possible throughout the summer.

Please complete with your child the “Summer Reading Bucket List,” Story Retelling and “ROSY” Question provided in this packet and return it the first day of school.

INCOMING SECOND THROUGH EIGHTH GRADERS

All incoming 2nd through 8th graders should read the book provided in order to maintain the reading growth that your child has achieved. We are suggesting that your child read additional books independently on his/her reading level throughout the entire summer.

- **INCOMING SECOND GRADE ASSIGNMENT**

Complete the attached “ROSY” Question and Summary Sheet

- **INCOMING THIRD THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE ASSIGNMENT**

Complete two assignments from the enclosed “Summer Reading Project Choice Board.”

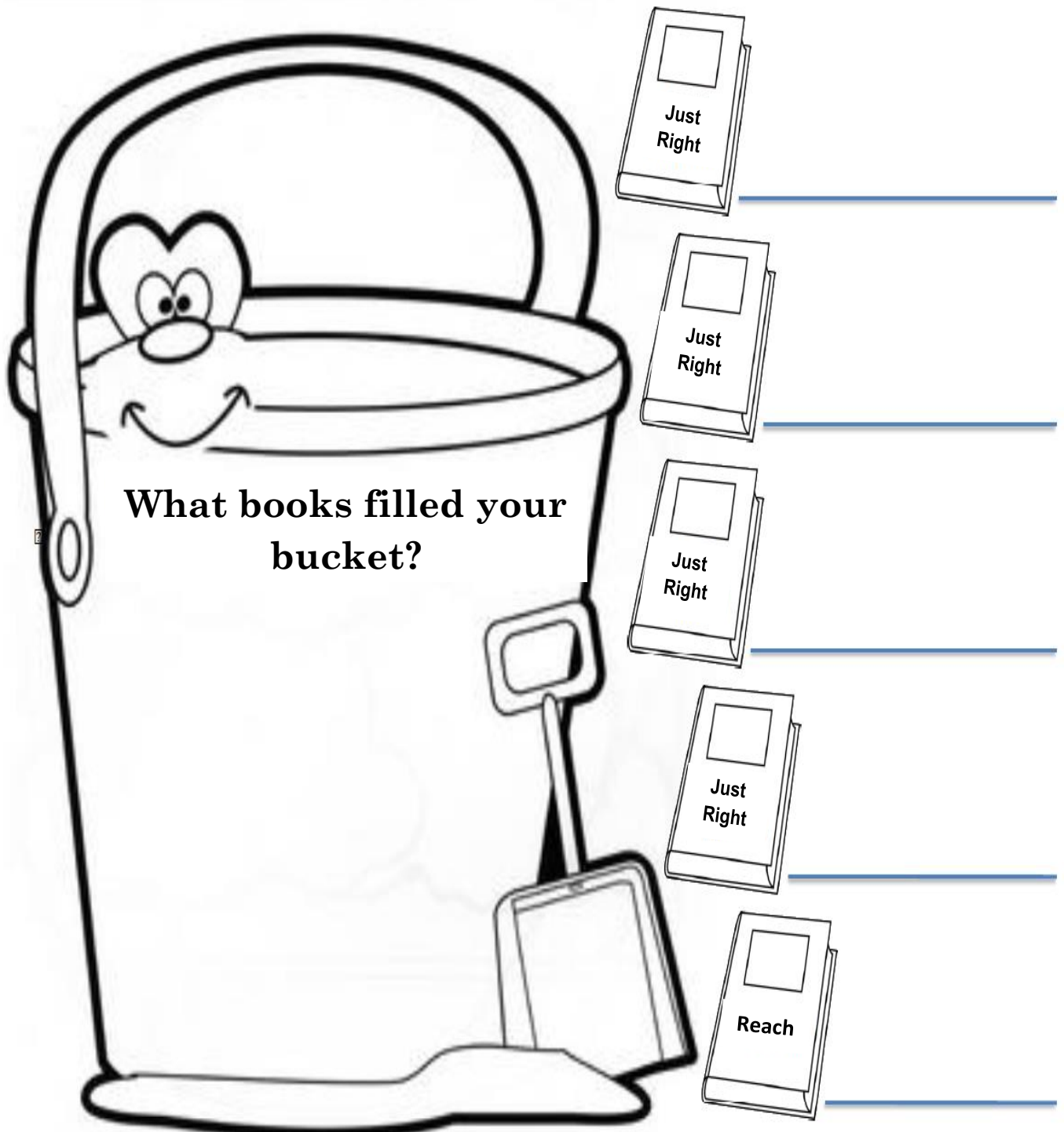
ALL PROJECTS/ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!



INCOMING FIRST GRADE SUMMER READING LOG

Write the title of 5 books you read and discussed with your child on the lines below:

Name: _____



Choose two stories you read to your child and complete the following two assignments; Story Retelling and the "ROSY" Question.

INCOMING FIRST GRADE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT: STORY RETELLING

Title:

Author:

Retell the story in order using the words beginning, middle and end.

Beginning

Middle

End

INCOMING THIRD THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Free-To-Summer Reading Project Choice Board

Directions: Choose TWO of the following projects to complete. Projects will be displayed in class on the day that we share our books. Projects will remain on display for at least a week and will be viewed by students outside of their classrooms.

<p>Scrapbook Make a scrapbook for one of the characters in your book. It does not have to be for the protagonist! Your scrapbook should include significant events in this character's development and captions</p>	<p>Double Voice Poem Write Double Voice poems for a total of four of the characters in the book. The poem should reveal something significant about their relationship. Beware: this is more difficult than it seems.</p>	<p>Diorama Create a 3-D diorama of an important setting from your book. Write a paragraph explaining the importance of this place.</p>
<p>Character Journal Write a one page journal entry in the voice of a chosen character. Make sure this journal expresses the character's thoughts, feelings and ideas.</p>	<p>Comic Strip Create a 5 picture comic strip showing 5 major events from the book in sequence. Include captions and dialogue bubbles to retell the story along with pictures.</p>	<p>Letter Write a one page letter to a friend recommending your book. Tell that friend what the book was about and why you would recommend it.</p>
<p>Diary Entry Pretend you are a character in the book and write a diary. You must have at least 10 entries, describing events that have occurred in the story and your reaction to them. (Create a diary cover. Each entry must be no less than 5-8 sentences)</p>	<p>Movie Poster What would your book look like if it were a movie? Create a movie poster to represent that. Include critics' reviews, short plot summary, and title/author of book it's based on.</p>	<p>Newspaper Article Write an exciting newspaper article about one major event from the book. Make sure to use an exciting headline and include who, what, where, when details in your article.</p>

Projects will be graded on relevance to your book, careful execution, thoroughness, and creativity.