



Elementary Summer Reading Book-in-a-Bag Project Option



After reading a book of their choice, students are asked to secure a bag (a small brown lunch bag or an old gift bag would work well) and add items that represent specific elements of the reading. We ask that parents/guardians assist in this process as needed for each child based on age, grade and/or individual readiness.

Directions: Students should place 4-6 items that represent key elements of the text into the bag. These can include items that symbolize:

- Character(s) : the individuals about whom the story/text is written
- Setting: the location and time period of the story/text
- Plot: the sequence of events in the story
- **Central Purpose: what did the author intend for the reader to learn after reading the text? (optional)

For example:

- if the main character really liked sports cars, a student might drop a Hot Wheels toy car into the bag
- if the story took place in Florida, a student could add a picture of a palm tree
- if the main character lost something like a key, a student could place a key in the bag

On the outside of the bag, students should be sure to include the following on the sides indicated:

Front

- book title and author
- student's name
- genre (fiction/nonfiction)

Sides

Provide details about the main character (choose one or more of the following):

- draw a picture of him/her
- use a word, sentence or paragraph that describes the character physically
- describe the character's personality using appropriate proof from the text

Back

Provide details about a favorite part (choose one or more of the following):

- draw a picture of a favorite scene/event
- use a word, sentence or paragraph that describes a favorite scene/event

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