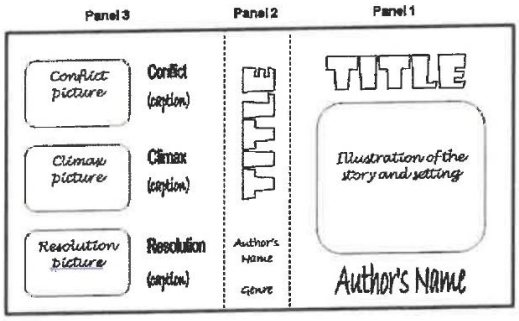
Rising Third Grade Summer Literacy Choice Board

Directions: Select a book from the attached list to create a "book jacket" that reflects the book you have read. NO graphic novels! Be sure to highlight the story elements such as setting, characters, conflicts, climax, and resolution. There will be six panels. Each panel should be colorful, carefully drawn, and include details. Please be prepared to donate the book to the class upon return to school for other children to read and enjoy!



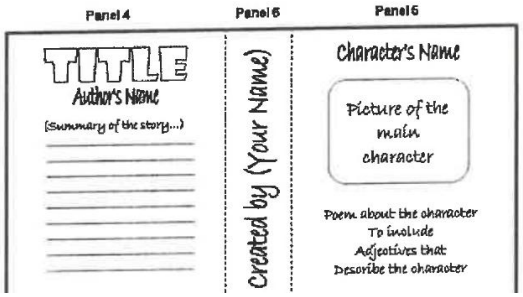
Folding instructions for your paper: Fold your 11 x 17 paper from left to right, leaving a one-inch margin along the right side. Crease. Open. Now repeat the process in reverse, going right to left.

Front of Page:

Panel 1— Front Cover: Design a cover that includes the title, author's name, and a detailed illustration. Please use original artwork that depicts the story and setting.

Panel 2 — Spine: Use creative lettering to design a spine that includes the book's title, the author's name, and the genre (mystery, fantasy, historical fiction, etc.).

Panel 3 — Back Cover: Identify a major conflict, the climax, and the resolution by drawing a picture of each to illustrate it. Beside each drawing, write a caption using complete sentences to describe the image.



Back of page:

Panel 4 — Front Inside Panel: Include the book title, author, and a detailed summary of the book that highlights the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

Panel 5 — Back Inside Panel: Draw a picture of the main character. Using creative lettering, write the name of the character. Create a poem of at least six lines that would describe the character. Include at least three adjectives within the poem (Avoid using common, everyday words like nice, happy, pretty, etc.).

Panel 6 — Inside Spine: Use creative lettering that shows that this book jacket was created by YOU!

Third Grade Summer Reading List

Fiction

- Because of Winn-Dixie | Kate DiCamillo
- Frindle | Andrew Clements
- A Week in the Woods | Andrew Clements
- A Dog Called Kitty | Bill Wallace
- Big Red | Jim Kjelgaard
- Ramona (series) | Beverly Cleary
- Judy Moody (series) | Megan McDonald
- Maniac Magee | Jerry Spinelli
- Everywhere | Bruce Brooks
- Fly Away Home | Eve Bunting
- Keeper of the Doves | Betsy Byars
- Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story | Mary Downing Hahn
- The Foxman | Gary Paulsen
- The Stories Huey Tells and The Stories Julian Tells (series) | Ann Cameron
- The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates | Susan Shreve
- Freckle Juice | Judy Blume
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing | Judy Blume
- Stone Fox | John Reynolds Gardiner
- The Great Gilly Hopkins | Katherine Paterson
- Misty of Chincoteague | Marguerite Henry
- The Secret Garden | Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Goosebumps (series) | R.L. Stine
- In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson | Bette Bao Lord
- The Silver Coach | C.S. Adler
- The Children of Green Knowe (series) | L.M. Boston
- Old Yeller | Fred Gipson
- The Higher Power of Lucky | Susan Patron
- Joey Pigza Loses Control | Jack Gantos
- Nancy Drew (series) | Carolyn G. Keene
- Chocolate Fever | Robert Kimmel Smith
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Roald Dahl
- Rules | Cynthia Lord
- The Sign of the Beaver | Elizabeth George Speare
- The View from the Cherry Tree | Willo Davis Roberts
- The Best School Year Ever | Barbara Robinson
- Project Mulberry | Linda Sue Park
- Charlotte's Web | E.B. White
- Piper Reed, Navy Brat (series) | Kimberly Willis Holt
- Swindle | Gordon Korman

Fantasy and Folklore

- Space Race | Sylvia Waugh
- The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse | Bruce Hale
- The Case of the Raging Rottweiler | John R. Erickson
- The Great Good Thing | Roderick Townley
- The Doll People | Ann M. Martin
- I, Houdini | Lynne Reid Banks
- Poppy | Avi
- Mean Margaret | Tor Seidler
- The Moorchild | Eloise McGraw
- The Secret of Platform 13 | Eva Ibbotson
- Abel's Island | William Steig
- James and the Giant Peach | Roald Dahl
- The BFG | Roald Dahl
- The Wind in the Willows | Kenneth Grahame
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe | C.S. Lewis
- Charlotte's Web | E.B. White
- The Castle in the Attic | Elizabeth Winthrop
- Magic Tree House (series) | Mary Pope Osborne
- Going Through the Gate | Janet S. Anderson
- The Sea Egg | L.M. Boston
- The Talking Parcel | Gerald Durrell
- Mick Harte Was Here | Barbara Park
- The Cricket in Times Square | George Selden
- The Wizard of Oz | Frank L. Baum
- Whittington | Alan Armstrong
- Under the Bridge | Ellen Kindt McKenzie
- Just So Stories | Rudyard Kipling
- The Fiddler of the Northern Lights | Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Historical Fiction

- Linnea in Monet's Garden | Cristina Bjork
- Meet Kit: An American Girl – 1934 | Valerie Tripp
- Love From Your Friend, Hannah | Mindy Warshaw Skolsky
- Sarah, Plain and Tall | Patricia MacLachlan
- Little House on the Prairie (series) | Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes | Eleanor Coerr
- Understood Betsy | Dorothy Canfield Fisher
- King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian | Marguerite Henry
- The Birchbark House | Louise Erdrich
- The Night Journey | Kathryn Lasky
- Grasshopper Summer | Ann Turner
- The Midwife's Apprentice | Karen Cushman
- The Borning Room | Paul Fleischman
- Jacob Have I Loved | Katherine Paterson
- The Boxcar Children | Gertrude Chandler Warner

Third Grade Summer Reading List (continued)

- Pink and Say | Patricia Polacco
- The Perilous Road | William O. Steele
- Boston Jane: An Adventure | Jennifer L. Holm
- Our Only May Amelia | Jennifer L. Holm
- Follow the Drinking Gourd | Jeanette Winter
- Hattie Big Sky | Kirby Larson
- Show Way | Jacqueline Woodson
- Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie | Peter and Connie Roop
- When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky | Lauren Stringer
- Beethoven Lives Upstairs | Barbara Nichol
- Little House on the Prairie (series) | Laura Ingalls Wilder

Science Fiction

- I'm Out of My Body … Please Leave a Message | Dan Greenburg
- Heartlight | T.A. Barron
- Space Garbage | Isaac Asimov
- The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter | Matt Christopher
- The Package in Hyperspace | Janet Asimov
- The Computer Nut | Betsy Byars
- Frankenbug | Steven Cousins
- The Classroom at the End of the Hall | Douglas Evans
- My Life Among the Aliens | Gail Gauthier
- Nose Pickers from Outer Space | Gordon Korman
- The Time Warp Trio | Jon Scieszka
- Carrot Holes and Frisbee Trees | N.M. Bodecker
- Shadows in the Water | Kathryn Lasky
- The Sword of Aradel | Alexander Key
- The Moorchild | Eloise McGraw
- Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery | Deborah and James Howe

Nonfiction

- The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle | Dan Wulffson
- Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought) | Kathleen Krull
- A River Ran Wild | Lynne Cherry
- Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary | Jean Craighead George
- The Man Who Walked Between the Towers | Mordicai Gerstein
- Pink and Say | Patricia Polacco
- Dateline: Troy | Paul Fleischman
- Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? | Jean Fritz
- Six-Minute Nature Mysteries | Faith Brynie
- The Truth About Great White Sharks | Mary M. Cerullo
- Through My Eyes | Ruby Bridges
- The Story of Baseball | Lawrence S. Ritter
- Girls Think of Everything | Catherine Thimmesh