

Dear Middle School Families,

With summer break beginning tomorrow, I wanted to send out the summer reading assignment that all middle school students are expected to complete by August 28, 2026. This summer students are to choose one book to read. Then, the students are to re-create a new book jacket for that book. Please use the following illustration to create the new book jacket:

Book Jacket Project details				
Inside Cover Flap:	Back Cover:	Book Spine:	Front Cover:	Front Cover Flap:
Author's picture	Favorite character(s) of the book with explanation in paragraph form. This can be the main character. (10-15 words)	Title, Author's name, Name of publisher	Title and Author's Name	Summary of the events of the book in paragraph form. (50 words)
Author biography (20-25 words)	Favorite scene Describe your favorite scene in the book in paragraph form (10-15 words)		Artwork: Be creative, use original art work to illustrate the book. The picture needs to be relevant to the story. Do not use the picture from the original cover of the book. Have fun and be creative!	Student's name and grade.
	Favorite Quote Why did you like the quote? (10-15 words)			

Directions:

1. Paper size:
 - If created by hand, use 12" x 18" or 11" x 14". You may choose any color for the paper.
 - If created on the computer, use 8 ½" x 11. You may choose any color for the paper.
2. Design a book jacket that will be folded like the example above.
3. You may use a computer to help with the design or you may create your book jacket by hand or you can do a combination of both!
4. Make sure to include all of the required information.
5. Make sure to use your own words when writing about the author. Don't copy and paste from a website.
6. Have fun! Be neat and creative. Use your imagination! Keep reading all summer long!

Mrs. Susan McDonough
Principal, St. John's School

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

Middle School Summer Reading Book Jacket Grading Rubric

***Front Cover _____ / 15**

Design a cover for your book jacket that includes:

_____ (3) The title of the book

_____ (2) The author's name

_____ (10) A creative illustration. This should be eye-catching and reflect an important part of the book. Your illustration can be hand drawn using colored pencils or markers or designed on the computer.

***Book Spine _____ / 5**

_____ (2) The title of the book

_____ (2) The author's name

_____ (1) The publisher's name

***Back Cover _____ / 30**

_____ (10) In the top section of the panel, include a detailed explanation about your favorite character in paragraph form (15-20 words).

_____ (10) In the middle section, write a description of a favorite scene with a detailed explanation in paragraph form (15-20 words).

_____ (10) In the bottom section, include your favorite quote from the book with a detailed explanation in paragraph form including who said it, to whom it was said, why it was said, and why you like the quote (10-15 words).

***Front Cover Flap _____ / 15**

_____ (10) In the upper section of the flap, include a summary of the major events that occur in the book in paragraph form (15-20 words).

_____ (5) At the very bottom of the flap, include your name and class.

***Back Cover Flap _____ / 20**

_____ (10) In the upper section of the flap, include a small picture of the author.

_____ (10) In the lower sections, write a short biography of the author (15-20 words).

***Spelling/Grammar _____ / 10**

_____ (10) Be sure to revise and edit your book jacket, checking for correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and well-written paragraphs.

***Overall Creativity & Neatness _____ / 5**

_____ (5) Try to be as creative as possible with your book jacket. Use lots of colors and use your imagination! Book jackets should be neatly put together, without torn or ripped edges or pieces of paper falling off. Written portions need to be legible.

TOTAL POINTS: _____/100

Suggested Reading:

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

A Single Bead by Stephanie Engleman

7 Riddles to Nowhere by AJ Cattapan

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George

The Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Treviño

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

The Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Watership Down by Richards Adams

Refugee by Alan Gatz

Swing by Kwame Alexander

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Restart by Gordon Korman

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Scat by Hiaasen

The Book of One Hundred Truths by Julie Schumacher

Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

The Ear, the Eye and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

Enders Game by Orson Scott Card

Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass

The Invisible Man by H.G. Wells

Kira-kira by Cynthi Kadohata

The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

No Slam Dunk by Mike Lupica

The Pigman by Paul Zindel

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funk

Twelve Angry Men by Reginald Rose

Witness by Karen Hesse

The Year of the Hangman by Gary Blackwood

Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship by Russell Freedman

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition) by William Kamkwamba

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club by Phillip Hoose

Chasing King's Killer by James Swanson

Code Girls: The True Story of the American Women Who Secretly Broke Codes in World War II (Young Readers Edition) by Liza Mundy

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery by Russell Freedman

Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Russell Freedman

Freedom Walkers by Russell Freedman

Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt

The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane by Russell Freedman