

Summer Reading Project

A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla

Due: August 15, 2025

Dear Rising Fourth Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome to our Summer Reading Project! I am so looking forward to working with your children and getting to know them as readers. I have chosen this historical fiction novel as it compliments our study of the the English colony of Jamestown in Virginia. Click [here](#) for a summary of the book and to purchase. You may choose to go to your public library instead.

Given that we have a range of reading abilities and preferences, I have included links to Youtube videos so that children can use the audio to follow along if they choose. Using the links is optional.

Please review the *Book in a Bag* task along with the the scoring rubric. Your child should be prepared to share their project over the first few days of school.

Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I hope you enjoy your summer with family and friends, and I am thrilled to be able to work with your children in the fall.

Best,

Sharyn Bergman

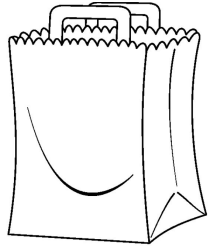
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Book in a Bag

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Read A Lion to Guard Us. Don't wait until the last minute!
Remember that you need to leave yourself time to work on the project!

Grab a paper bag! On the front of the bag, write the title and author's name. You also need to draw and color a scene from the story. Consider doing this on a piece of white paper and then gluing it onto the bag. Get creative! Fun details will make the bag look great!

On the back of the bag, write a summary of the book. The summary should tell about the main characters, setting and a brief explanation about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. Write or type the summary on paper and then glue or staple it to the bag.

On the left side of the bag, draw stars to show how well you liked the book. Five stars show you loved it, one star means you didn't care for it. You also need to write a sentence to tell why you liked or did not like it. You can do this on paper and glue it to the bag.

On the right side of the bag, list 4 new or interesting words from the story along with definitions.

Put at least 4 items (that go with the story) inside the bag. You will have to explain how these items go with the story during your book report talk.

Practice for your book report talk. You will need to show the bag. Tell the title and author; explain how many stars you gave the book (and why); show the items from the inside of the bag and explain how they went with the story; and either read your summary or briefly explain what the book was about.

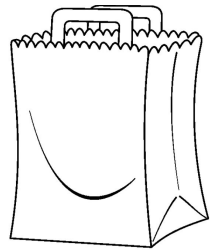
Project Grading Information

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| Project is neat and completed on time. | 10 points |
| Front of bag | 10 points |
| Back of bag | 30 points |
| Right side of bag | 10 points |
| Left side of bag | 10 points |
| Contents of bag | 20 points |
| Overall Presentation | 10 points |



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Audio Links

Would you like to listen along as you read our novel? This is not a requirement, but some students may prefer this option. If you choose to listen, you must follow along in your book. Doing so will help with your understanding of the text!

Chapters 1-3

Chapters 4-6

Chapters 7-9

Chapters 10-12

Chapters 13-15

Chapters 16-18

Chapters 19-23