

Book Projects and Genres

Each of these genres will be discussed in class prior to the homework assignment. Each type of project will also be demonstrated in class so that your child is clear about the expectations. We will be alternating monthly book projects with writing assignments.

September: Read a Realistic Fiction Book

Create a bookmark featuring either your favorite character or the character you consider to be the most significant in your book. Be sure to include the book title and author, as well as the character's name and portrait or illustration. On the back of the bookmark, explain why you selected your featured character.

Due: September 28th

November: Read a Biography or Autobiography

Dress as the main character or make a "jackdaw" display to tell about the person's life. (See important information as to what a "jackdaw" is)

Due: November 19th

January: Read a Folktale, Fairy Tale, or collection of Folktales or Fairy Tales.

Make a game.

Due: January 31st

March: Read a fiction book with an animal as the main character or a nonfiction book about an animal.

Create the animal from any medium for our pet show.

Due: March 25th

Important Information

A **jackdaw** is a collection of artifacts representing ideas, events, characters, and/or themes in your book. Create a jackdaw display and build a display of these items. Label each artifact, sharing the importance of the book. You may also want to include a direct quotation from your book for some items.

Fiction		
Code	Genre	Definition
TL	Traditional Literature	Stories that are passed down orally from one group to another in history. This includes folktales, fairy tales, legends and myths from different cultures.
F	Fantasy	Made-up stories that have some element that could not be true or could not happen in this world. (e.g., fairies, talking animals).
SF	Science Fiction	A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (e.g., robots, time machines).
RF	Realistic Fiction	Stories that can be true to life but are mostly from the author's imagination.
HF	Historical Fiction	Stories that take place in the past and are from the author's imagination. They have some truth in them.

Nonfiction		
Code	Genre	Definition
I	Informational	Texts that provide factual information to readers.
B	Biography	The author tells the story of a real person's life.
AB	Autobiography	The person tells the story of his/her own life.
M	Memoir	The author tells about an experience or a part of his or her life.