

Dear Incoming Fourth Grade Students,

This summer, students will pick one fiction book and complete a multi-part project that helps them think deeply about the story, its characters, and the author's message. The project has a mix of writing, art, and reflection.

Step 1: Choose Your Book

Pick one chapter book to read this summer. Some ideas:

- *Charlotte's Web* – E.B. White
- *The One and Only Ivan* – Katherine Applegate
- *The Boxcar Children* – Gertrude Chandler Warner

Step 2: Think About the Book

Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. Character Study

a. Who was the most interesting character? Why?

b. What was one big choice they made? Was it the right one?

2. Problem & Solution

a. What was the main problem in the story?

b. How was it solved? Could it have been solved differently?

Step 3: Be Creative!

Choose ONE project to complete. Check the box next to the one you pick.



☐ Story Map Poster

Draw and label the setting, characters, problem, events, and solution.

What is a story map?

A **story map** is a tool used to help organize and understand the important parts of a story. It's like a visual outline that helps you see the key elements and structure of a story. Story maps can include:

1. Characters: Who is in the story?
2. Setting: Where and when does the story take place?
3. Problem: What challenge or conflict do the characters face?
4. Events: What happens in the story? This includes the beginning, middle, and end.
5. Solution: How is the problem solved or resolved?
6. Theme: What is the main message or lesson of the story?

 STORY MAP 	
Title: <input type="text"/>	
Characters <input type="text"/>	Setting <input type="text"/>
Problem <input type="text"/>	Solution <input type="text"/>

☐ **Letter to a Character**

Write a letter to one character in the book. Talk about what they did and how you feel about it.

☐ **Mini Puppet Show Script**

Write a short play (1–2 pages) showing one scene from the book. Use toys or puppets to act it out!

*If you would like to record your puppet show you will receive 5 extra credit points. You may record your puppet show on an iPad, phone or laptop. You may send this to my email at jwise@clarksvilleacademy.com.