

Rising 3rd Grade
Summer 2021 Reading Assignment

There are TWO parts to this assignment.

1. **Choose a book in your Lexile (required assignment):** You get to pick a book to read! Please use the websites listed below. Then you will need to prepare a book talk. You will be giving the book talk when school starts in August. Please see the attached pages for more information. Also included are planning pages. The pages are not required to be turned in, you will only be graded on your book talk/presentation.
2. **Virtual field trip (Optional assignment):** Take a virtual field trip this summer! There are a few options, but if you find one that is not on this list, please let your teacher know!

Find a book in your Lexile:

On the [OLMC Main Site](#) is a [book recommendation section](#) where you can [search by Lexile](#).

Other resources:

[AR Book Finder](#)

[Lexile Quick Search](#)

Virtual Field Trips (Optional)

- [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)
- [San Diego Zoo](#)
- [Seattle Aquarium](#)
- [Houston Zoo](#)
- [America's Rainforests and Deserts](#)
- [The Great Lakes](#)
- [Mars](#)
- [Hawaii Volcanoes National Park](#)

WHAT'S A BOOK TALK?

A book talk is an opportunity for us to talk about books and share ones that we found and read and loved.

When we share books, we are able to make connections with one another. When we make connections, we develop our community. This makes us all feel included, important, and valued.

As you read books, ask yourself if this is one that you would recommend to a friend or family member. Think about the parts that are so good that you just *have* to talk about them!

Also, keep your ears open for books that are shared because it might also be the perfect one for you, too!

BOOK TALK EXPECTATIONS

Think of your book talk as a preview, just like one you would see before a movie. The preview doesn't give away the ending but it does get you excited to experience it!

So, don't give away the ending.

Your book talk is brief and should be 30-45 seconds long, unless you have a special exception.

It's important to include important details, such as:

Start with the title, author, and genre.

Then, give a brief overview of the setting (time and place), as well as any important characters. Include the problem, which will hook others to read the book.

Finally, leave your audience with a reason to read the same book. Share your personal opinion of the book or what made it exciting or memorable to you.

Thank your audience and let them know where to find the title!

PLANNING My BOOK TALK

Name: _____

Date: _____

Book title: _____

Author: _____ Genre: _____

Details of Setting

Time:

Place(s):

Important Characters

Name & details:

Name & details:

Name & details:

Who would enjoy this book? Why?

Why should someone read this book?



MY BOOK TALK

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Write your book talk out so you can practice. Remember to speak loudly and clearly!



BOOK TALK RUBRIC

Name: _____

Book: _____

Date: _____

Reflect and consider how you feel
about your book talk: _____

SCORING

Readiness: _____

Accuracy: _____

Voice Level: _____

Eye contact: _____

Score: _____

COMMENTS