Cereal Box Book Report

Genre: Fiction Chapter Book

Directions:

1) Find a chapter book that is neither too easy nor too hard for you. You must choose a book by Friday, August 19th.

2) Read you book over the next three weeks for your 20 minutes of reading per night. You may also read the book at other times as well -- such as in class for silent reading.

3) Find a real cereal box and cover it neatly with paper to make it blank. You are going to redecorate it for your book report.

Completing your report:

FRONT OF BOX: Decorate the front of the box. You may want to create the cover before gluing it on. Invent a name for the cereal that is related to the title of the book and sounds like a cereal. Do not use the exact title of the book. You may want to look at some real cereal boxes to get ideas. Choose a shape for the cereal as well as colors and ingredients that all relate to the book. For example, for Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, you might invent a cereal called Wizard Wands, a toasted oat cereal in the shape of miniature lightning bolts. Or for The Tale of Despereaux, you might make a cereal called "Despereaux's Rainbow Flakes, a delicious mix of mouse shaped flakes in all the colors of the rainbow" because in the story he loves light. You may use a computer to create the words, but the drawings and coloring must be done by you.

Cereal boxes often include a prize. Your prize must be something the main character could have used in the book or something that reminds you of the main character. Include a picture of the prize on the front of your box.

RIGHT SIDE: Make a list of ingredients that includes the story elements Characters and Setting. Under the heading "Ingredients," list the main characters and write a sentence about each one. Then describe the setting. You can use the template on the attached sheet or do it in your own way. Just make sure you include the main characters and the setting.

LEFT SIDE: Write a summary that describes the main problem and the solution of the book. Try to use words that will "grab" readers' attention and make them want to buy your cereal. You can use the attached template or do this is your own way.

BACK OF BOX: Design a game based on the story. It can be a puzzle, a word search, a word scramble, a maze, a crossword puzzle, a hidden pictures illustration, or any other fun activity that might be found on the back of a cereal box. Make sure it includes information from the book.

TOP OF BOX: Include the title, author, number of pages, and number of stars you would give this book if you were a book critic. The maximum number of stars would be 5. You can use the template or create the top of the box yourself as long as you include all of the things listed above.

Your book report is due on Thursday, September 8th.

Final Tips:

- If you need any glue, scissors, markers, white paper, colored paper, or construction paper from school, let me know and I will provide them.
- We will be making a sample book report together in class.
- You don't have to complete reading the book before starting on your cereal box.
- This report is a lot of work. Don't wait until the last minute to complete it. I will give reduced homework on some days to allow time for this report.
- Be ready to present and talk about your cereal in a small group of students.