FIFTH GRADE READING FAIR

A Literacy Project to celebrate Read Across America Day

February 1, 2019

Dear fifth grade students and families,

Attached you will find information and guidelines regarding our grade 5 reading contest to encourage and celebrate the love of reading. Miss Annis (Literacy Specialist, grades 5-8) has visited all fifth grade ELA classes to explain the project and showed students examples of past projects.

This **optional project** is open to all 5th graders.
Book selections may be fiction or nonfiction, but should be a favorite book close to each child's heart. It may be a picture book, a short story, or even a chapter book. Trifold posters that fit the size requirements are available through students' ELA teachers for a cost of $2 (discounted price vs. local stores).

Projects will be **due no later than Monday, February 25th (Monday after vacation)** in order to give members of the Ahern staff time to vote on the top 10 projects.

On Friday, March 1, 2019, the fifth grade will celebrate NEA's Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will have special guest readers from our community in that morning to help encourage a renewed love of reading with students. In the afternoon, we will come together as a fifth grade to celebrate reading, recognize all of the participants, and learn who created the top 10 projects in fifth grade!

If you should have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you in advance for your interest!

The Fifth Grade ELA Team

Miss Allen	Mr. Golder	Mr. Vogelgesang
Miss Abreau	Mrs. Matthews	Miss Annis

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Project requirements and guidelines:

Each student will create their project on a trifold display board. In order to save families time and money, the Ahern Middle School has pre-purchased trifolds in one uniform size that your child can buy here at school for $2.

The display may not protrude from the top, bottom, or sides. Projects may be hand written or typed.

General Elements to be included on _every_ display board:

- Title

- Author/illustrator

- Publisher and copyright date

- Explanation why this is a favorite book

> **If you choose a _fictional text_, you must also include:**
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> - Main characters
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> - Setting
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> - Brief plot summary (conflict, 3-5 main events, resolution)
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> **If you choose a _non-fiction_ text, you must also include:**
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> - Nonfiction structure of the text and how you know
>
> - Author's purpose with evidence
>
> - Summary of the main ideas found within the text

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Student Planning Sheet/Rough Draft

Title: _____

Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

Publisher: _____

Publication Date: _____

Why I Love this Book:

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Fictional Literary Elements:

Main Characters: _____

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Setting: _____

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Plot: _____

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Non-fiction Elements:

Text Structure (How did you know?):

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Author's Purpose (include supporting evidence): _____

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Summary of the Main Ideas: _____

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Project Checklist for Students

My project includes the following:

_____ Title

_____ Author & Illustrator's Names

_____ Publisher & Publication Date

_____ Explanation of why the book is a favorite

Writing/typing:

_____ Neat and inviting

_____ Easily understood/legible

Creativity/Quality:

_____ Project is original

_____ Demonstrates imagination and creativity

_____ Unique materials are used

_____ Follows guidelines

____ *Name is <u>NOT</u> on project*

*(The student's name should **NOT** be on the project at all!!! ELA teachers will assign numbers to projects as students turn them in. Each name will be recorded on a master sheet to ensure fair voting practices. Please note that 5th grade ELA teachers will not be voting on projects. Other Ahern teachers and staff members will be doing a blind vote.*

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Project Checklist for Students (cont.)

My project also includes *all* of the elements from <u>ONE</u> of the following columns.

Fiction Project

_____ Main characters

_____ Setting
    (Time & Place)

_____ Plot Summary
    (Brief; not a retelling.
    Conflict & Resolution are
    Included.)

Non-fiction Project

_____ Text structure

_____ Author's Purpose

_____ Summary
    (Main ideas and
    key details)

Examples: