

Summer Reading Assignment For students entering Grade 4

Students entering Grade 4 will be required to read *1 fiction* and *1 nonfiction* book.

Fiction: Students will read *Frindle* by Andrew Clements and complete the packet provided.

Nonfiction: Students will choose to read one of the following books and complete a brief nonfiction book report form.

I Survived The American Revolution 1776, by Lauren Tarshis

I Survived The Battle of Gettysburg 1863, by Lauren Tarshis

I Survived The Eruption of Mount St. Helens 1980, by Lauren Tarshis

Be prepared to discuss books the first week of school.

Students are required to read 25 books each school year. You may begin reading your 25 books over the summer. I have included a blank book journal in this packet so you can get underway. PLEASE fill in each column. Have fun reading!!!!

“The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss



At St. Luke's School students are required to read at least twenty-five books each year. Reading materials should include traditional and contemporary literature, both fiction and non-fiction. Reading should represent a diverse collection of material from at least three different literary genres and from at least five different authors.

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Rating Scale: 5=Outstanding 4=Very Good 3=Good 2=Fair 1=Did not enjoy

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Nonfiction Book Report Form

Grade 4

Name _____

Title of the nonfiction book you read _____

Follow the directions below to report about the nonfiction book.

1. Describe in 1 paragraph what your book was about.

2. List 5 facts from the book which you found interesting. Use full sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

3. Write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) about your favorite part of the story.

4. Write down a question that you are wondering about after reading this book. It should be something that isn't answered in the book.

Keeping the Characters Straight

Directions:

As you read the book, jot down notes about the different characters that you read about.

The Main Characters

Nick

Mrs. Granger

Mrs. Chatham

Mrs. Allen

Judy Morgan

Bud Lawrence

Alice Lunderson

Mr. Allen

Frindle

Name: _____

Keeping the Characters Straight

Directions: After you have read the book, put your memory to the test! Write the letter of the character that matches the description. You can look back in your book for help.

d	Nick
b	Mrs. Granger
c	Mr. Allen
d	Mrs. Allen
e	Mrs. Chatham
f	Judy Morgan
g	Bud Lawrence
h	Alice Lunderson
i	Janet
j	Miss Deaver
k	Mrs. Avery
l	James
m	Mrs. Freed

	The principal of Lincoln Elementary School
	The third grade teacher who's classroom was turned into a tropical island
	The business man who started printing the word "frindle" on different products
	The reporter for the Westfield Gazette
	The student who was blamed for the high-pitched chirp
	The student who invented the word "frindle"
	Nick's mom
	The fourth grade teacher who looked like a hawk
	Nick's older brother
	The TV news reporter who worked for CBS
	Nick's dad
	The principal's secretary
	The language arts teacher who fought against "frindle"

Comprehension Questions



Name: _____

Chapters 1-3

1. What word would best describe Nick Allen?
a. Angry b. nervous c. trouble-maker d. selfish
2. What grade was Nick in when he converted his classroom into a tropical beach?
a. 2nd grade b. 3rd grade c. 4th grade d. 5th grade
3. Who got blamed for the chirping sound that Nick made in class?
a. Nick b. Greg c. Janet d. Mrs. Granger
4. What physical trait made Mrs. Granger seem large and intimidating?
a. Her eyes b. her grey bun c. her nose d. her small mouth
5. What is Mrs. Granger's favorite item in the classroom?
a. Her pen b. her gradebook c. the blackboard d. the dictionary
6. Short answer: What does Nick normally do at the end of each class period?

7. Why does he do this?

8. What question does Nick ask Mrs. Granger?

9. True or False: Mrs. Granger answered Nick's question right away _____
10. True or False: at the end of the chapter, Nick feels _____ small and disappointed.

Comprehension Questions



Chapters 4-6

Name: _____

1. When does Nick normally do his homework?
a. Right when he gets home b. after dinner c. after an hour of TV d. during lunch the next day
2. Nick thought that the first sentence of the dictionary article was...
a. common knowledge b. confusing c. easy to understand d. interesting
3. What does Nick compare the words in the article to? _____
4. What does Nick title his report? _____
5. True or False: Nick plans to spend the entire class period giving his report. _____
6. Short answer: How does the reader know that Mrs. Granger is enjoying Nick's report?

7. Why doesn't Nick want to be a "teacher's pet"? _____
8. When Nick and Janet are walking home from school, they find a _____ on the ground:
a. Gum wrapper b. dictionary c. dollar bill d. pen
9. What does Nick decide the call the tem? _____
10. In two or three sentences, explain why Nick starts sending his friends into the Penny Pantry:

Comprehension Questions



Name: _____

Chapters 7-9

- Where is Nick when he first introduces the word "frindle" at school?
a. In math class b. in the cafeteria c. in language arts class d. in science class
- How does Nick feel when Mrs. Granger asks him to stay after class?
a. guilty b. surprised c. nonchalant d. thrilled
- True or False: Mrs. Granger agrees to call pens "frindles" from now on: _____
- Why are all of the 5th graders making a funny face when they take their class picture?

- Why doesn't the photographer retake the picture?
a. He thinks it's funny b. he's out of film c. he has to leave d. he can only take one picture per grade level
- What does Nick compare his meeting with Mrs. Granger to?
a. Tea with his grandma b. spending time with a friend c. a war conference d. a fight with an enemy
- Summarize what Mrs. Granger gives to Nick and what he is supposed to do with it:

- How many students have to stay after school for saying "frindle"?
a. Just Nick b. 10 students c. 100 students d. Over 200 students
- Who comes to Nick's house for a meeting?

- Why was Mrs. Allen's reaction to the meeting surprising?

Comprehension Questions



Name: _____

Chapters 10-12

1. What was the name of the reporter who came to Lincoln Elementary School?
 - a. Bud Lawrence
 - b. Mrs. Chatham
 - c. Janet Finsk
 - d. Judy Morgan
2. How did Mrs. Chatham feel when being interviewed for the article?
 - a. guilty
 - b. nervous
 - c. nonchalant
 - d. thrilled
3. Who speaks with the reporter in the parking lot after school? How do you know? _____

4. What does the reporter receive in the mail? _____

5. What phrase is repeated over and over again when the newspaper article is published? _____

6. What does the article call Nick and his friends?
 - a. Word Warriors
 - b. Frindle Fighters
 - c. creative students
 - d. little kids
7. True or False? Nick loved the attention he got from inventing the word "frindle" _____

8. Who started a company selling small pens with the word "frindle" on them?
 - a. Bud Lawrence
 - b. Mrs. Chatham
 - c. Janet Finsk
 - d. Judy Morgan
9. Why does Nick say that the word "frindle" isn't his word anymore? _____

10. What _____ as Mr. Allen decide to do with the money Nick _____ earning from the word "frindle"? _____

Comprehension Questions



Name: _____

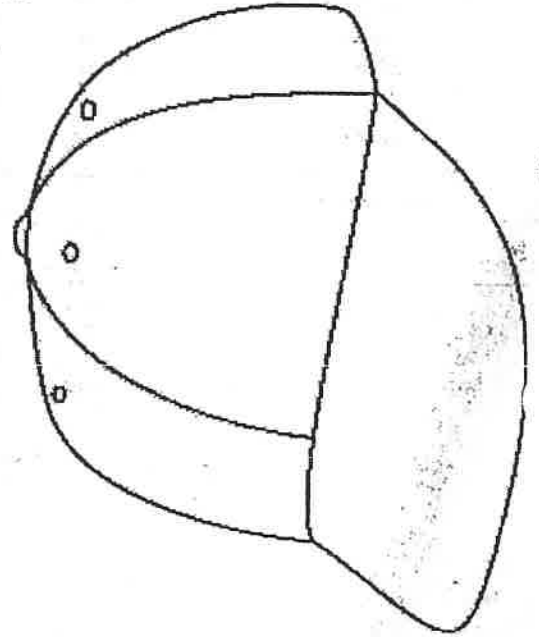
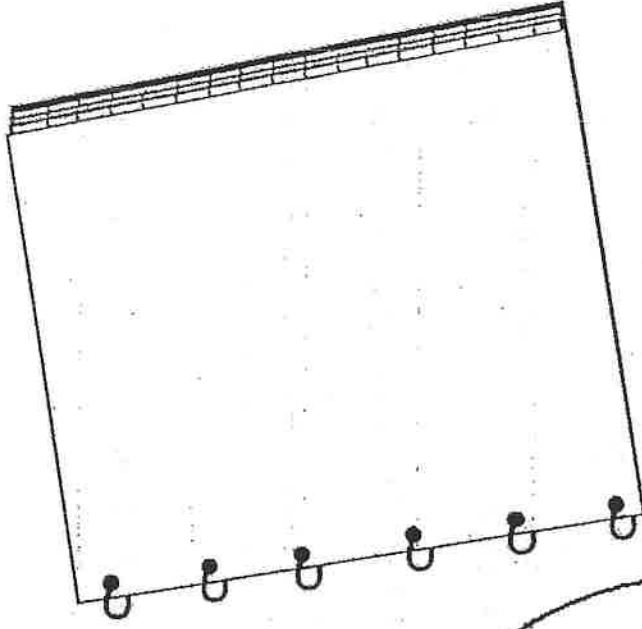
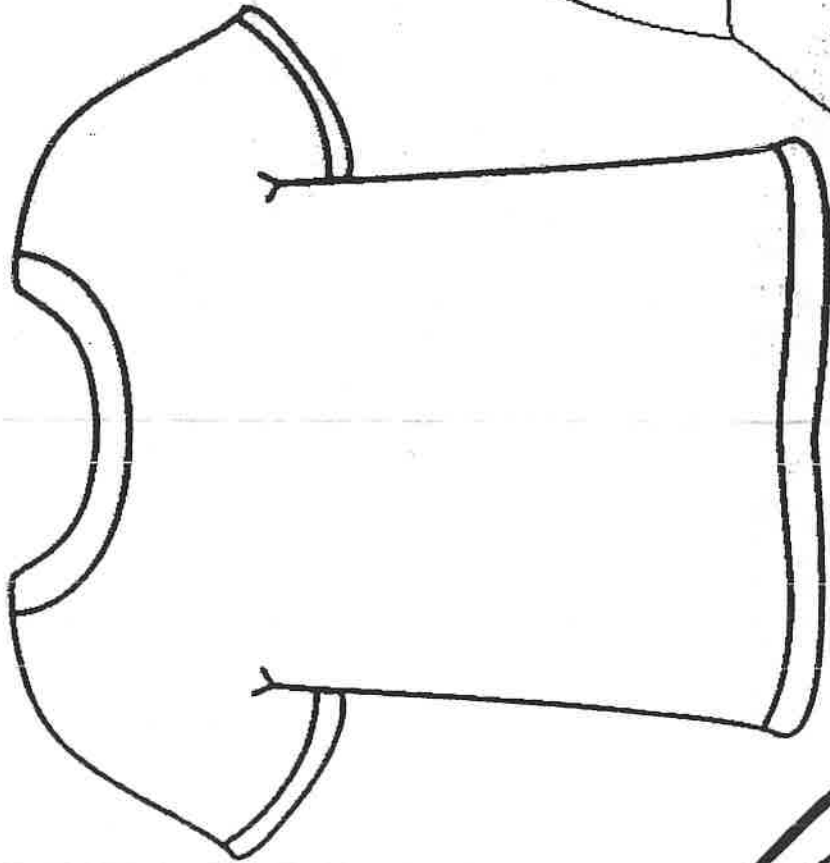
Chapters 13-15

- After all of the fuss, Frindle became...
 - A joke
 - a word no one ever used
 - a word that only Nick used
 - a habit; everyone still used it without thinking about it
- Around the country, Frindle was gaining popularity. How did other teachers and parents feel about the word?
 - They loved it
 - they tried to stop it
 - they didn't know what it meant
 - they didn't care
- True or False: Mrs. Granger was still keeping the students after school each day: _____
- How did Mrs. Granger continue to fight the word "frindle"? _____
- Who cannot forget the whole frindle ordeal?
 - Nick
 - Mrs. Granger
 - Janet
 - Mrs. Chatham
- How did the "frindle" experience change Nick?
 - He became the most popular boy
 - he became more careful with his ideas
 - He and Mrs. Granger became best friends
 - Nick transferred schools
- True or False: On the last day of school, Mrs. Granger gives Nick the envelope he signed: _____
- How does Mrs. Granger feel about how Nick handled the whole "Frindle" experience?
 - angry
 - surprised
 - proud
 - disappointed
- In the end, what was in the package that Mrs. Granger wrote to Nick? _____
- What does Nick do for Mrs. Granger? _____

Frindle Branding

Name: _____

Directions: Bud Lawrence has hired you as the new designer of his latest line of Frindle Gear!
Design a "frindle" logo for each of these fun new products:



The 20 Best Books for 4th Graders

1. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
2. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
3. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
4. Wonder by R. J. Palacio
5. James & the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
6. Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
7. Frindle by Andrew Clements
8. Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
9. Save Me a Seat by Gina Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
10. Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard & Florence Atwater
11. Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
12. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
13. The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
14. Charlie & the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
15. Sarah, Plain & Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
16. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
17. The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
18. Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
19. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
20. The One and Only Ivan by K.A. Applegate

