

Summer Work for 4th Grade:

Reading and Writing Assignments

Welcome to your summer adventure in reading and writing! We have some exciting projects and activities planned to prepare you for the upcoming school year. Our book of focus is *Frindle*, and you'll have the chance to exercise your creativity and curiosity through various assignments. Here's what you can expect:

Frindle

Novel by Andrew Clements

Projects: Pick ONE project from the following choices.

1. The Inventor's Dictionary

The Challenge: Just like Nick Allen, you must "invent" a brand-new word for an everyday object.

The Deliverable: Create a formal dictionary entry for your word on a single sheet of paper.

Instructions:

- **Select an Object:** Pick a common item (e.g., a backpack, a pencil, or a shoe).
- **Invent the Word:** Give it a unique, never-before-heard name.
- **Entry Elements:** Your entry must include the new word, the part of speech, a clear definition, the pronunciation, and its "etymology" (how you thought of the name).
- **Illustrate:** Draw a small, colorful picture of your object with its new label.

Additional Task:

Each chapter (15) your goal is to find a new word that you have never heard before and use the dictionary to find its correct definition. Write these words

and definitions down and include them in your "FINDLE" dictionary. By the end of the summer, combine all new words and definitions, along with your invented word, to create your own dictionary to bring to class.

Example:

Frindle: (noun) a common writing instrument uses ink, pen. - Frin/dle-

Sentence: My frindle is out of ink.

2. Cereal Box Book Report

Task: Decorate a cereal box to represent your book.

Details:

- **Front of the Box:** Display the "brand" (title) of the book.
- **Back of the Box:** Feature a game or puzzle related to the plot.
- **Sides of the Box:** List the "ingredients" (character traits) and provide a summary of the book.

Curious Questions

Each chapter you are expected to write 2-3 questions about things that make you curious. Be sure to use complete sentences and proper grammar. When we return to school, we will have a "Curiosity Day" where we share all of our questions and become detectives to find answers to them.

We hope you have a fantastic summer filled with imagination and discovery. Remember, your creativity and curiosity are your greatest tools. Enjoy your reading and writing journey!

Example: Can a human really have x-ray eyes? Question from Chapter 2

Extra Fun:

Create a secret spy code using capital and lowercase cursive letters.

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