

Tuesday, January 11th, 2011

Dear Students & Parents,

It is time for the second book report of 3rd grade! Students will choose a biography about an important or interesting person. They can get their books from the school library, my classroom library, a bookstore, and so on. Books *must* be approved by me before they start. Today during class I talked and explained the assignment to them. I also showed some examples of the project done in previous years. You are most welcome to come and have a look at the examples.

For this book report, students will be making a timeline and giving an oral report. We made the timeline booklet today in class. Please make sure that they read the book at home. They will need to write the timeline of the biography in their own words. It is a good idea for them to take notes and write down important information as they are reading. They can write a rough draft and you can help them proofread it. Neat handwriting is required. If desired, they can type it on the computer, print, cut, and paste it on the booklets.

During their oral presentation in class, students should be able to tell the title and author of the book, summarize each section of the timeline, and explain why they chose this biography. Remember to practice the oral presentation at home. They need to speak loudly and clearly. If you have any questions you can email me at renaghan_katie@cusdk8.org or call at 252-4798 x219

Books need to be approved by Friday, January 21st.

Reports are due on Wednesday, February 16th, 2011.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Renaghan

Directions for the Biography

The timeline booklet is made in the class. So they will be bringing a blank booklet. They can either write on a binder paper and glue it or type it and paste it in the booklet. Examples were shown in class and the directions were given verbally as to how the book report should be done. These are directions to help in case the students forget.

Please make sure they write a rough draft, proofread it and then do the final. We did talk how to time themselves so they do not leave it for the last week.

1. On the cover write the title of the book you read and the person who wrote it.
2. On the inside of the timeline that you made in class, write your name.
3. Start your biography timeline.
4. Write the dates on the top.
5. Draw a picture to go with each picture.
6. You should have **at least** 7 pages of illustrations and writings. Each page should have at least 6 to 7 sentences.
7. On the last page or the back page write why you chose the book and what did you like about the person you wrote about.
8. Please practice their presentation at home a few times. They should be able to present it with confidence and have eye contact with the audience.

DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH