

**Strawberry Knoll Elementary School PTA
Literacy Fair**

Friday, February 23, 2018, 7 – 8:30 PM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for participating with your child in our Literacy Fair. This is very similar to a Science Fair, but its focus will be on a book the student chooses. Students may choose a fiction or nonfiction book. Participation in the fair is open to students in grades K – 5 and is optional. In this packet you will find planning guides, project ideas, and exhibit guidelines.

The goal of the Literacy Fair is to provide students with the opportunity to present a favorite fiction/nonfiction book of their choice in a “fair” atmosphere. Students will create storyboards providing details about the book. Students should be creative when designing their display. As long as it’s within the guidelines and captures the essence of the story, anything goes!

On fair night, students will stand next to their project to explain their poster to other students, parents and teachers. The literacy fair is non-competitive; the projects will not be judged. All participants will receive a participation certificate and award.

Projects may be done by individual students or in groups of two. Family projects are also welcomed.

If you are looking for ideas, we have included some pictures on the last pages of this packet. Many ideas can also be found on Pinterest by searching “Reading Fair” or “Literacy Fair.” We look forward to seeing your child’s creativity come out with this fun project!

Please contact Lianne Halling at lhalling1@comcast.net if you have questions.

Thank you for your support,

SKES PTA

**Registration forms are due Friday, February 9,
and require a parent/guardian signature**

Literacy Fair Project Guidelines

Materials Needed:

- Standard tri-fold display board
Story board should measure at least 30" H x 40" W and not exceed 36" H x 48" W. They are available at office-supply and craft stores.
- Fictional or Nonfictional book of your choice at your instructional reading level and appropriate for all audiences

Optional Materials:

- Costume – you may dress up as a character from the book
- Props

Characteristics:

The following characteristics of fiction stories and nonfiction text should be included on your decorated storyboard. Some characteristics may be omitted dependent on grade level. See the Literacy Fair Project Checklists and Outlines for more information.

| Fiction | Nonfiction |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Title | 1. Title |
| 2. Author/Illustrator | 2. Author |
| 3. Main Characters | 3. Main Idea |
| 4. Setting | 4. Key Details |
| 5. Plot Summary | 5. Brief Summary |
| 6. Problem | 6. Text Structure |
| 7. Solution | 7. Important or Interesting Facts |
| 8. Author's Purpose | 8. Author's Purpose |
| 9. Theme | 9. Follow up questions to the author |
| 10. Tone or Mood | |

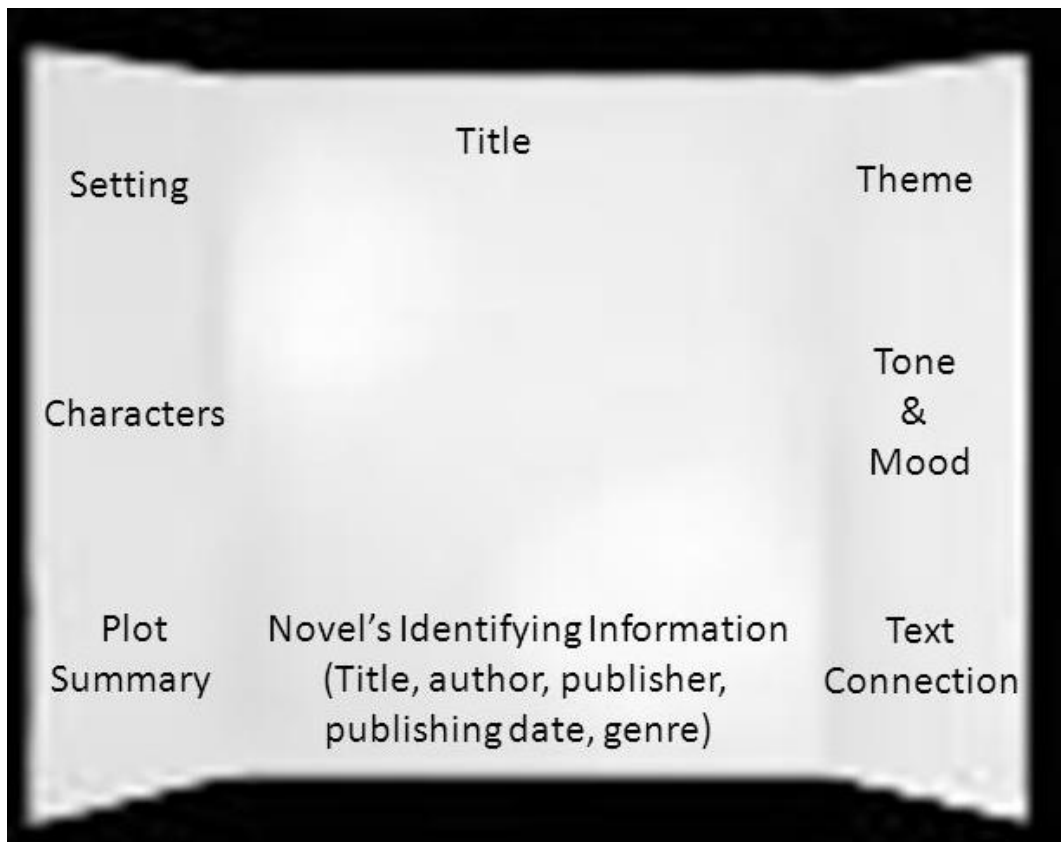
Display/Safety:

- Please refer to the Literacy Fair Project Checklists when creating your display board.
- Be creative and make your storyboard colorful and interesting. Props may be used that fit in the middle of the display. The total project should not exceed the width, depth, or height of the display board (approximately 48"W x 14"D x 36"H).
- You may dress in costume in keeping with the characters of your book and/or hold items that illustrate features of the book. However, you must hold the item(s) in your hands, unless they can fit within the middle of your display board.
- No items should be placed on the floor.
- Props may not consist of valuable or dangerous items, food or beverages, or live animals.

- Written items on your storyboard may be handwritten or typed.
- Please include clear headings and labels so a viewer can easily navigate the information.
- Students do not have to bring or display the book during the Literacy Fair.
- Electrical cords are not allowed.
- No multimedia devices will be allowed (i.e., iPad, iPod, laptop, smart phones, etc.)
- Students will stand next to their project and must be able to explain their project in a few minutes to other students, teachers and parents/guardians attending the fair.

Example Display Board Layout

Below is an example of the layout of a display board using the characteristics mentioned above. Please see the last pages of this packet for examples of completed projects.



Literacy Fair Project Checklist for Fiction

Project has the following:

- _____ Title
- _____ Author/Illustrator
- _____ Main Characters – only those important to the story line
- _____ Setting – place and time of story
- _____ Plot Summary – brief summary of what the story is about and what takes place
- _____ Problem/Conflict – the problem in the story
- _____ Solution – how the problem is resolved
- _____ Author's Purpose – why the author wrote the story (to entertain, inform and/or persuade)
- _____ Theme – the author's central or underlying message
- _____ Tone or Mood – describes how the author wants the reader to feel while reading the story

Writing:

- _____ Writing is neat and inviting.
- _____ Writing is easily understood.

Creativity:

- _____ Project is original.
- _____ Project demonstrates imagination.
- _____ Unique materials are used to express ideas.

Thoroughness of Written Information:

- _____ Project captures the most important information.
- _____ Project captures the concept/point the author made in the book.

Interest Evoked:

- _____ Project demonstrates student's ability.
- _____ Project encourages others to read the book.
- _____ Project attracts others and makes them interested in the work.

Literacy Fair Project Checklist for Nonfiction

Project has the following:

- _____ Title
- _____ Author
- _____ Main idea – the central point the author wants the reader to know
- _____ Key details – details that support the message or topic in the text (include three)
- _____ Important or Interesting facts (minimum of three)
- _____ Brief summary about the book
- _____ Text Structure (Cause & Effect, Compare & Contrast, Description, Problem & Solution, Sequence & Order)
- _____ Author's Purpose – why the author wrote the story (to entertain, inform and/or persuade)
- _____ Follow-up questions to the author after reading the nonfiction text

Writing:

- _____ Writing is neat and inviting.
- _____ Writing is easily understood.

Creativity:

- _____ Project is original.
- _____ Project demonstrates imagination.
- _____ Unique materials are used to express ideas.

Thoroughness of Written Information:

- _____ Project captures the most important information.
- _____ Project captures the concept/point the author made in the book.

Interest Evoked:

- _____ Project demonstrates student's ability.
- _____ Project encourages others to read the book.
- _____ Project attracts others and makes them interested in the work.

Literacy Fair Project Outline for Fiction

Title

What is the title of the book?

Author and Illustrator

Who wrote the book? Who illustrated the book?

Main Characters

Who are the most important characters in the story?

Setting

When and where does the story take place?

Plot Summary

Briefly summarize what the story is about and what takes place. Use your own words.

Problem/Conflict:

What is the problem that occurs in the story?

Solution or Resolution:

How was the problem solved?

Author's Purpose

Why did the author write the story? (To entertain, to inform, and/or to persuade?)

Theme

What is the author's central or underlying message?

Tone or Mood

How does the author want the reader to feel while reading the story?

Literacy Fair Project Outline for Nonfiction

Title

What is the title of the book?

Author

Who wrote the book?

Main Idea

What is the central point the author wants the you to know?

Key Details

What are three details that support the main idea of the text?

Important/Interesting Facts

What are three important and/or interesting facts or statistics?

Summary

Briefly summarize what the book is about. Use your own words.

Text Structure

Was the book written using Cause & Effect, Compare & Contrast, Description, Problem & Solution, and/or Sequence & Order?

Literacy Fair Project Ideas

Please use these ideas as reference only. Students should pick a book he/she knows well and be creative and original in designing their story board.

Additional ideas can also be found on Pinterest by searching "Reading Fair" or "Literacy Fair" or on this website <http://mommycracked.net/category/reading-fair-projects>.

