**THIS QUARTER’S BOOK REPORT IS A BOOK TALK!!**

Your Book Talk project involves delivering a five-minute book talk to the class about the novel you have read for independent reading.  The object of a book talk is to convince the listener to read the book.  This book talk is essentially a persuasive speech to convince the listener that your book is worth reading. A book talk is very similar to a trailer for a film, which shows you just enough information to convince you that you should watch the movie but does not give away too much.

Your presentation must include a poster (see back).  You may use notes to make your presentation, but you should not be directly reading notes - just use them as reference to remember everything you want to say and keep your ideas organized. The book talk will cover some basic elements of the novel, but you should focus much of your time on the main character, plot and conflict.

To start your presentation, find an interesting, exciting, or mysterious quote from the book.  This quote will get the reader’s attention.  Don’t just pick any old quote…choose carefully and deliberately to try to capture the attention of the audience.   At the end of your presentation, you will explain what the quote means and why you chose it. Clearly introduce your book by giving the name and author of the book after the quote.

Start your book talk by explaining the setting (time and place) of the novel. The majority of your presentation is a summary of the premise of the story - you should cover the main characters and plot of the book without giving too much away or going into unnecessary details. Tell what kind of action or conflict is involved in the book, and what it is about in general.  Keep your information concise and relevant!

Next, you are to convince the reader that this is a book they should definitely read. Tell the class specifically what you liked about the book and why you are recommending it.

Conclude by stating what you believe the theme of the story is (and why you say this), explaining the quote and making one last appeal to your audience to read the book.

During your presentation, you should make eye contact as much as possible with members of your audience. You will need to speak clearly and loud enough for everyone in the room to hear you. Your Book Talk should show that you read the whole book completely, prepared with notes and rehearsed your presentation.  Be prepared to answer questions!

**ALL BOOKS MUST BE APPROVED BY ME BEFORE WE GO ON HOLIDAY BREAK!!!**

**Book Talks will start on Wednesday, January 24th.**

**POSTER::**

Should be a creative presentation of the following elements with NEAT writing and COLOR! Must be at least 18” x 24”; any color posterboard is allowed.

* book title in creative lettering
* author’s full name
* hand-drawn, colored illustration (your choice – can look like a book cover, be a scene from the story, or represent an important element of the story)
* the quote you use to open your presentation – should be tagged with the name of the character who spoke the line (can be the author/narrator)
* four adjectives to describe the story - can be anywhere on poster – should be words you would use in a review
* picture of main character with their name and brief description – picture can be hand-drawn, printed from an online source, or cut out of a magazine – it should best represent the author’s characterization of the main character
* you can decorate your poster, add a border, etc. NO glitter please!