

WINTER PROJECT DUE DATES:

- #11-20: due February 25<sup>th</sup>
- #1-10: due March 4<sup>th</sup>

# WINTER PROJECTS

## Guidelines for Book Projects

**Step 1:** Read a book of your choice. You *MAY* choose the same books that you have been independently reading in class or for your free choice reading. Don't pick a book that is too easy or too hard for your reading skill. See the back of this sheet.

**Step 2:** Fill out either a **Fiction Frog Sheet** or a **Nonfiction Frog Sheet** about the book you have read. Frog Sheets can be found stapled to this sheet or on our class webpage: [beekman.weebly.com](http://beekman.weebly.com)

**Step 3:** Choose one of the **Winter Book Project Choices** below to present to the class. You may ask for help from your family, but please make sure most of the work and ideas are your own.

### CHOICE #1

## CRAZY FOR COMICS

Graphic novels are all the rage!  
Create your own comic book/graphic novel inspired by the book you read!

**Your Comic Book should include:**

- ✓ An illustrated cover and title
- ✓ 4 or more pages of your own comic book illustrations inspired by the book.
- ✓ Tell the story "comic book style" using speech bubbles.

### CHOICE #2

## The Art of Reading

Are you feeling inspired? Bring your book alive in a unique way with an art project inspired by your book...

**Your "Art of Reading" should include:**

- ✓ Create a unique art project inspired by your book.
- ✓ Your art project can be a painting, sculpture, collage, diorama, or a model that you build.
- ✓ Write a short paragraph explaining how your project connects to your book.

### CHOICE #3

## Star Power!

So you want to be a STAR!

**Your "Star Power" should include:**

- ✓ Create your own song, show, act, or performance to present to the class inspired by the book your read.
- ✓ You may change the words to a song you already know.
- ✓ You may include props, costumes, musical instruments, dance moves... whatever you need to be a STAR!

### CHOICE #4

## Last Chapter

Have you ever read a book that you wished it didn't end (or that it ended differently)? Here's your chance to make a new last chapter!

**Your Last Chapter should include:**

- ✓ Write & present a brand new last chapter for the book that you read.
- ✓ You can continue or change the ending, but try to use the same style as the author.
- ✓ Create or solve the problems of the characters in your own unique way.

Helpful Hints →

# Rules & Helpful Hints

## DO...

- ✓ Pick out a book that interests you! This is your chance to share your personality and things you like.
- ✓ Choose a "Just Right" book — not too hard, not too easy.
- ✓ Remember nonfiction books. We have lots of great nonfiction books to pick from in the classroom on lots of great topics... Sports... battles... science... animals... ancient times... faraway places... dangerous real-life adventures!
- ✓ Become an expert on your book. People will have questions for you and be interested to learn more.
- ✓ Be creative and have fun! This is your chance to show off your personality or try out something new and different.

## DON'T...

- ✓ Don't choose a "picture book." Fiction books should be chapter books.  
(NOTE #1: You definitely **CAN** choose books *with pictures*, such as Diary of a Wimpy Kid or Captain Underpants. Just don't pick a book that is mostly pictures with very little text.)  
(NOTE #2: You also definitely **CAN** choose **graphic novels**, such as Bone or Amulet.)  
(NOTE #3: Most nonfiction books have many pictures. You definitely **CAN** choose **nonfiction books** with pictures!)
- ✓ Don't wait until the last minute to read your book! You should ALWAYS BE READING... This is your chance to share some of the great books you are already reading with your friends and classmates.
- ✓ Don't forget your Fiction or Nonfiction Frog Sheet. This sheet will help you remember and present important details from your book.