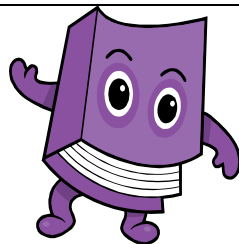


Rising Fourth Graders
(Choose activities from the Novel Matrix attached to the reading list)

Title	Author	R.L
Tale of Despereux	DiCamillo, Kate	3.6
Pippi Longstocking	Lindgren, Astrid	5.2
Honus and Me	Gutman, Dan	4.3
Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery	Howe, James and Deborah	4.2
Nurk The Strange Surprising Adventures of a Somewhat Brave Shrew	Vernon, Ursula	5.9
The Twits	Dahl, Roald	4.8
Thumb and the Bad Guys	Roberts, Ken	5.2
Bud Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul	5.0
The Dream Stealer	Fleischman, Sid	4.9
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a very Interesting Boy	Birdsall, Jeanne	4.7
The Silver Crown	O'Brien, Robert C	4.9
Dragon Rider	Funke, Cornelia	4.9



NOVEL MATRIX

Select two activities that will be turned in at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

<p style="text-align: center;">Collage</p> <p>Create a collage using pictures. Put the main character's name in the middle of the poster. Find and/or draw pictures that represent the person and/or events in the book. Please have at least five pictures. Write a sentence under each entry explaining how the picture relates to the story.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Letter to Character</p> <p>Write a letter to your favorite character in the book. Tell him/her what you like about him/her, ask questions about events in the book, and make a self-to-text connection with the character.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Change the Ending</p> <p>Write a different ending to the story.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Write a paragraph telling how the book really ended. 2) Write a new ending to the story.
<p style="text-align: center;">Design a Book Jacket</p> <p>Create a new cover for the front of the book. Include a scene or scenes from the book that are significant to the story. Be sure to put your name as the illustrator of the new cover. Include the original title of the book on your cover.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Timeline</p> <p>Create a timeline about the life of the main character. It should depict events throughout the story. Please include at least ten events.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book Review</p> <p>Write a book review about the novel. In your review, state and explain <i>your point of view</i> about the quality of the novel and provide specific details about why you would or would not recommend this novel to other students your age.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Author Biography</p> <p>Write a biography about the author of the book. Include information about his/her childhood and adult life. Include any interesting facts or details that you find.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Draw Favorite Scene</p> <p>Draw your very favorite scene in the book. Write a brief description, of at least five sentences, about the scene and tell why you liked it so much!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Five Words</p> <p>Identify and connect at least five words from the novel. Explain why you think the author chose these words when writing? Why did you choose these words?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Similes</p> <p>Write examples of at least five similes found in the book. Illustrate or write a description for each.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meaningful Quotes</p> <p>Choose five quotes from the story that you think hold a lot of meaning. Write the quotes and explain why you think they are so meaningful.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vivid Descriptions</p> <p>Pick three parts of the book that were especially graphic in your mind and explain why? What mental picture did you get as you read? Draw the vivid image or write a description using vivid language.</p>