

## Third Grade Book Report Schedule 2009-2010

Third grade is a critical time for children to become comfortable reading, analyzing, summarizing, and writing about literature. With this in mind, the third grade team will require a number of outside-of-class book reports. The schedule is below. You can expect the applicable forms and instructions at the beginning of the month that the report is due.

We strongly suggest that your child write a draft of the report, with a parent's assistance if necessary, and complete the self-editing process taught in Writer's Workshop. A parent should then proofread and help the child edit the report. Final products should be written neatly on a clean sheet of notebook paper (unless other instructions apply) and turned in by the due date.

Our philosophy is that these assignments are an opportunity for parents to work with their children and give them the benefit of an approach to writing that will hopefully complement the teacher's. You may find that your child needs more help with these projects or less help. We ask that you spend as much time with your child as s/he needs.

### Topics and Due Dates

1. Fiction (summary)----- Wed., Sept. 30
2. Non-Fiction (summary)----- Thurs., Oct. 29
3. Fantasy (letter to the author)----- Wed., Nov. 25
4. Non-Fiction - Animal (acrostic poem)----- Fri., Dec. 18
5. Historical Fiction (monologue: A Day in the Life)--- Fri., Jan. 29
6. Biography (famous African-American timeline)----- Fri., Feb. 26
7. Biography (famous woman interview)----- Thurs., Mar. 25
8. Mystery (poster)----- Fri., Apr. 30
9. Poetry (memorize poem)----- Fri., May 28