

October Book Report

For October, students will be creating a *Pumpkin Shaped Book Report*. Below, you will find detailed instructions along with a recommended timeline to help your child spread the work out over the month.

Front Cover

Decorate the cover to look like a pumpkin.
You can draw curved lines or give it a silly face.



Page 1 – Title Page

Write the title, author's name, and your name.
Make sure to use correct capitalization!

Page 2 – Characters and Traits

List the main characters and write one "trait" about each of them.

Page 3 – Setting

Write a complete sentence telling where the story takes place.

Page 4 – Problem / Conflict

Write down the main problem the characters have to solve. If your book doesn't have a problem, write what the characters are trying to accomplish.

Page 5 – Solution / Resolution

Write the solution to the problem or how your characters accomplished their goal.

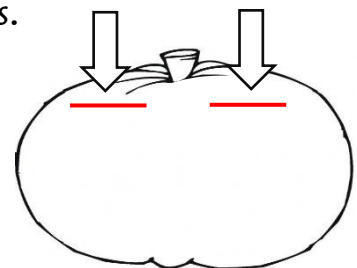
Page 6 – Something Unexpected

Write down a part that surprised you or an event that you didn't see coming.

Assembling your book:

1. Cut out the front and back covers.
2. Cut out all the report pages.
3. Place the report pages inside of the front and back covers.
4. Staple them together at the TOP of the pumpkin (by the stem).

Staple Here



Recommended Timeline

October 2 nd	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Choose a book to read. You may borrow a book from my classroom if you need to.2. Fill out page 1 of your pumpkin book report.3. Begin Reading.
October 3 rd – 16 th	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Continue Reading.5. Fill out pages in your book report as you read.
October 17 th – 25 th	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Finish reading your book and filling out the report pages.7. Decorate the cover.
October 26 th – 30 th	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Assemble your book report.9. Get ready to present. Practice presenting each page of your Flip Book to your parents, siblings, or pets.
October 31 st	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Book Report Due

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: *What kind of book should I choose?*

A: You can choose any book that interests you that you **haven't read before**. It can be a picture book, a chapter book, a graphic novel, etc.

Q: *Do I have to read the book all by myself?*

A: I encourage you to read your book out loud to a parent. That way, if you get stuck, they are right there to help you! If the book you chose is too hard to read on your own, I encourage you to choose a different book.

Q: *How will the book reports be graded?*

A: I have attached the grading rubric so you can see exactly how your report will be graded.

Pumpkin Book Grading Rubric

Name: _____ Book: _____ Date: _____

	1 point	2 points	3 points	Total Points
Report	The report is incomplete. Two or more of the pages are blank or missing.	The report is mostly complete. Some information is incomplete or missing.	The report is complete. There are no missing pages or information.	___ / 3
Grammar	Consistent capitalization and punctuation errors on all or most of the pages.	Punctuation and/or capitalization errors on some of the pages.	Proper use of capitalization and punctuation throughout the report.	___ / 3
Neatness	The cover is not decorated and/or handwriting is not legible.	Handwriting is messy. Report looks "rushed" but is complete.	Nicely decorated with neat handwriting that is easy to read.	___ / 3
Presentation	Presentation is not complete (child chose not to present).	Only some of the pages are presented.	Each page is presented with a clear voice.	___ / 3
Teacher Comments:				Average Score ___ / 3