

Incoming Fourth Grade Summer Reading:

Poppy

By Avi

- Incoming Fourth grade students must read the novel *Poppy* by Avi during the summer.
- While reading, each student is expected to use the “Think Mark” to document their thoughts as they read. These marks in their book will be used as we continue our study of the novel the first few weeks of school. *For full Think Mark points, a minimum of two items must be marked per chapter.*
- After completing the novel, students should hand write a quality paragraph about one of the think marks they placed in the novel. For example, if they marked a section with a cloud meaning “I made a prediction,” their paragraph will describe their prediction. Included with this information is a Hamburger Writing planning sheet, and a rubric providing details regarding the expectations to get the full number of points.
- The final grade for *Poppy* will be a combination of the Think Mark score, a comprehension test, and the paragraph.

We look forward to the 2017-2018 school year with your child and hope you have a blessed summer!

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Hamburger Writing

Topic Sentence: _____

Detail #1: _____

Detail #2: _____

Detail #3: _____

Closing Sentence: _____

Hamburger Paragraph Rubric				
Total points possible: 22				
	3	2	1	0
Paragraph			Indents each paragraph	Does not indent each paragraph
Topic Sentence	Strong big idea, interesting, catches the reader's attention	Has a big idea, somewhat interesting.	Weak big idea, too broad or general, ot too narrow or specific	No big idea, not interesting
Detail	At least three detail sentences in the paragraph	Two detail sentences	One detail sentence	No detail sentences or doesn't make sense.
Conclusion	Very strong closure	Good closure	Weak closure	No closure
Writing	Chose words carefully, used variation in sentences, thoughtful	Good word choice	Bland words choices	General or repetitive
Capital Letters	Perfect use of capital letters	Missed one capital	Missed 2-3 capitals	Missed more than three capitals
Punctuation	Perfect use of punctuation	One punctuation mistake	Two-three punctuation mistakes	More than 3 puctuation mistakes
Spelling	Spelled all words correctly	Spelled one word incorrectly	Spelled 2-3 words incorrectly	Spelled more than 3 words incorrectly

