

Book of the Month Club

The students will complete the following at home this month in addition to their nightly reading log:

Design a Game

Imagine that you work for a toy company and you have been asked to design a board game. The game should be based on the book(s) you just finished and should include information about the characters, setting, and the story. When you have finished your game, your classmates will have a chance to play it!

Due Date

February 4th

Materials

Cardboard or poster board, markers, glue, construction paper, dice, index cards or paper, playing pieces, lined paper, small re-sealable plastic bags, brass fasteners or paper clips

Directions

1. Use the copy of the book you are interested in creating a game for.
2. On a separate piece of paper write the characters' names, along with a sentence identifying each one. You will need to describe the setting of the story and the main conflict or problem. Please also explain how the conflict was resolved.
3. Think about how you can design a game board based on all or some of the information above. Keep in mind that players should be able to play the game even if they have not read the book.

Consider these questions:

- How is the game played? What are the rules?
- What will the game board and playing pieces look like?
- How does someone win? (*Will they reach finish first? Will they collect the most points?*)
- Will you use a spinner, cards or dice in your game?

Design your Board

1. On a separate piece of paper, sketch the game board. Test your game to make sure it works before you make a final copy of the game board.
2. Write clear directions explaining how to play it. (You will find that the simpler the game is, the easier it will be to play) number each step in the directions
3. Make a final copy of your game board and any other parts (cards, spinner, playing pieces, and so on). Design a board that is colorful, neat and attractive. Write the title and author of the book somewhere on the game board, along with your own name and a fun-sounding name for the game.

In order for your child to participate in the special celebration, they must complete ALL of the steps.