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Leap Into Literacy - 1st Grade February

You need to read (or be read to) for **15 minutes each day for 6 days a week and do a project** in order to qualify for Leap Into Literacy. Your project is to be based on the book you liked the best this month. February's project is to make a diorama. To make a diorama you need: a shoe box or other small box, assorted odds and ends of paper, glue, scissors, and crayons. On the back of this form are sample instructions for a diorama. (The example shows a scene from a *Curious George* book.) Use these sample instructions to help guide you to make your own diorama about your favorite book. (Do not do a *Curious George* diorama unless your book is a *Curious George* book!) This form and the diorama project are **due by Tuesday, March 1st**. (Please remember to put your name on your diorama!)

Parents: please initial after each 15 minute session.

Feb. 1-6 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____

Feb. 7-13 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____

Feb. 14-20 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____

Feb. 21-27 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____ 15 min. ____

Feb. 28-29 15 min. ____

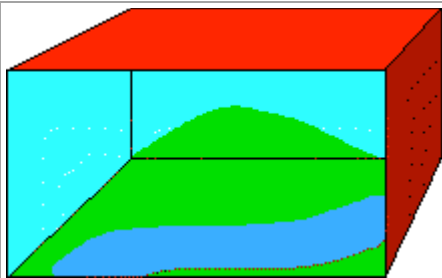
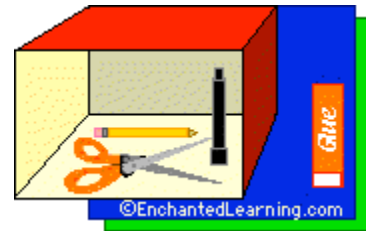
The book I liked best this month is _____

The author of this book is _____

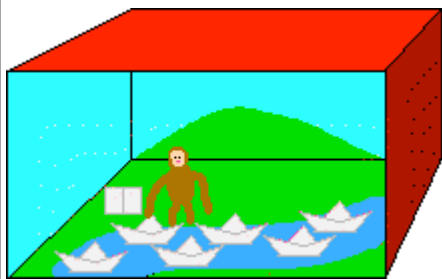
The illustrator is _____

Supplies needed:

- Shoe box (or similar sized box)
- Construction paper or tempera paint
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil, crayons
- Small toys or models appropriate to the story

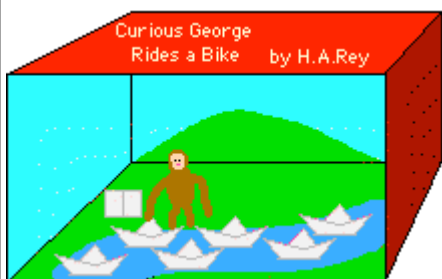


To make a background in the box use either construction paper or tempera paints (the construction paper is easier and less messy).



Add the character or characters to the diorama, along with the objects they have (if any). Glue them to the box. Or if you're showing things that fly or swim, hang them from the top using threads.

For example, we did "Curious George Rides a Bike." The background was a stream in the country where Curious George the monkey is sailing newspaper boats down the stream (instead of doing his work delivering newspapers). We used a small, plastic LEGO monkey and made tiny paper boats from real newspaper.



Write the name of the book and its author on top of the box. Also write your name on the box.

Now you have a memorable reminder of a favorite book.