

P.S. 174 1st Grade GATE Required Summer Reading

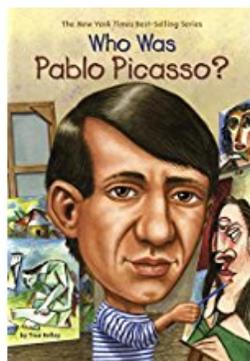
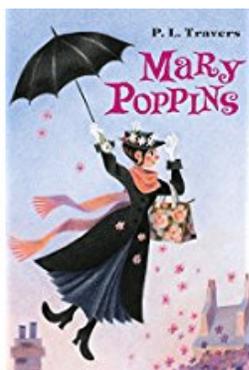
Welcome to class 1-100! We will have such a wonderful year reading, writing, and creating together! I have assigned the following books for you to read over the summer:

- Mary Poppins by Dr. P. L. Travers

*This timeless classic book is required reading for all GATE students. (Please see separate comprehension questions and activities.)

- Who Was Pablo Picasso? by True Kelley

*This book is also required reading for all GATE students. We will be recreating his works of art when we return to school.



I hope that you read and enjoy these books. Please be prepared to discuss and respond to them when we return to school.

Have a healthy, happy, wonderful summer!

I can't wait to be with you and share learning experiences!

Warmly,

Mrs. Ickowics 😊

Mary Poppins Reading Activity

Please choose one activity to complete. Bring it into school the first week. Please remember: This is the first assignment you will be giving your new teacher. First impressions mean a lot! Each project must be presented on poster board with all of the writing on the poster. Please make sure that the measurements of the poster board are 12 by 18 inches.

1. Draw, paint, or color a portrait of a character. • Include a description of the character you draw or paint. (What does he or she look like? How old is he or she? What type of person is he or she? Why is he or she important to the story? How has the character changed from the beginning of the story to the end?) Please write the answers in complete sentences.
2. Create a dish or beverage that would give someone happiness or joy. Please draw a picture of this treat and describe what it would do to the person eating or drinking it.
3. Write a report card for a character in your book. • Choose a character in your book. Come up with 3 areas of his or her personality to grade based on how the character behaved in the story. • Write the character's name at the top of the page. Give the character a grade in each subject, and give details from the story to support the grade in the Comments section. Use your report card for ideas and the sample below.

Character: Mouse (*from the story of the lion and the mouse)		
Subject	Grade	comment
kindness	A	The mouse chewed the net that covered the lion and the lion escaped to freedom.

4. Create a collage to represent the book. (NOT the movie!!) • Your collage should have at least 10 photos or illustrations. • Write a key describing each item on the collage.
5. Imagine that you've been invited to a birthday party for one of the book's characters, and you want to bring **the perfect gift!** Consider the character's personality, likes, and dislikes before deciding on a gift he or she would really love and use. Create a greeting card to go along with your gift. In the greeting, explain to your friend from the book why you chose this gift. On your poster, please illustrate the gift you are giving.

Enjoy!