

December 11, 2015

## **Great American Book Report**

Dear Parents,

Recently your child chose a Great American to portray for our program. The Great American program will be on March 4, 2016. The following is a guideline for their book report:

- **HANDWRITTEN IN CURSIVE** on regulation loose leaf (not college ruled).
- Title should appear on the top line in the middle of the page
- Skip a line and indent for first paragraph
- Indent all other paragraphs
- Use single spacing
- Write on **ONE** side of the loose leaf only

**First paragraph**-include the birth date (year) and birth place of your Great American

**Second paragraph**-describe the early years of your Great American's life. Include in this paragraph where he or she went to school. Also, include any early experiences that influenced this person's life as a child or teen-ager.

**Third paragraph**-any additional important information about the Great American's young life.

**Fourth paragraph**-describe the Great American's contributions to the United States and/or the world.

**Fifth and final paragraph**-include any other interesting facts about your Great American. If the Great American is still living, describe where this American is today and what he or she is doing. If the Great American has died, tell when and

where he/she died. **Also include what you especially admire about this American.**

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

A bibliography is a page with the sources that you used to find information about this Great American. Since this is a book report, you will have only one or two books listed here. You will write the title and the author of the book(s) that you used as well as the company that published the book and the date that it was published.

### **Example Bibliography**

Pinkney, Andrea, Dear Benjamin Banneker (illustrated by Brian Pinkney), Gulliver Books, 2006

## **The Cover**

The cover should be a plain white piece of paper which will be provided to ensure uniformity. The name of your Great American should be on the cover. You should draw, trace, or download a picture or image of your Great American for the cover. Your name and number should be on the bottom right side of the page. Manuscript or cursive can be used on the cover. Please outline all cover illustrations and text in sharpie or marker. The completed book report should be stapled together in the top left hand corner. **This report is due on Monday, January 22, 2016 .**

Please remember that this report should be done neatly. We recommend writing a rough draft first to make corrections prior to the final copy. If you need to erase, please make sure that there are no smudges or torn paper.

Have fun learning about your Great American.

Mrs. Karcz

Mrs. Zimney

