**Independent Reading Menu**

* Complete your reading goal and one activity for each week. Be ready to have your work checked each Friday by the end of the period- in your Readers Notebook.
* You will write your activities on the next clean page in your Readers Notebook.
* Put the activity number and the title of your book at the top of the page.

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| Week one | Week two | Week three | Week four |
| 1.1: Make a list of at least three predictions for the book- think about characters, setting and genre. As you read the first few chapters, write down whether your predictions were accurate. | 2.1: List 3 characters in the book so far. Describe their physical appearance, importance to the story, and character traits. | 3.1: Write a letter to a character in the book. Include your reaction to the events in the book, your feelings about the characters choices, and what you think the character should do now. | 4.1: Theme is the underlying message of a piece of text. Write a paragraph to express what you think is the theme of this book. |
| 1.2: Write a list of at least 5 events that have happened so far. Make a prediction about what the conflict, or problem will be. | 2.2: Make a list of 6 events in the story. What caused each event? What was the effect of each event? | 3.2: Choose 5 interesting or unusual words from the book so far. You must provide the definition of the word, use the word in a sentence, give related words or synonyms to the word. | 4.2: Style is the way an author writes a text. How do you feel about the author’s style in this book? Is it formal or informal? Do you like the way the sentences sound? |
| 1.3: The first few chapters of a book contain a detailed description of the setting. Find a page with many details. Draw a picture of the setting. Label at least 5 specific details from the text. | 2.3: Describe an exciting event from the book as if you were a sports broadcaster. | 3.3: Think about the relationship of the setting to the story. Could this story have happened in another place? Why or why not? | 4.3: Often, characters change as a result of events in a novel. Describe the changes that a character went through in this book. |