



Third Grade Summer Reading Project



Book Title: Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School-
We the Children (Book #1)

Author: Andrew Clements

Core State Standards:

RI.3.6: Distinguish their own "Point of View" from that of the author of a text.

W.3.1: Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

SL.3.1a: Come to discussions prepared , having read or studied required material.

Activity:

1. Read the book : Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School-
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In this story Ben and his friend Jill are upset that the Edgeport Town Council is planning to knock down their school and build an amusement park on that land. They feel that the Council is trying to "steal" the school from the kids and change the whole town. Think about the words written on the coin-

"First and always, my school belongs to the children. DEFEND IT. Duncan Oakes, 1783."

How would you feel if that was your school?

How would you feel if you were on the council and thought that the amusement park would bring good change to the community?

2. Make a "top five" list of reasons to save Oakes School, and another list of reasons to allow the theme park to be built. When we return to school in September, you will use your statements to debate for and against the demolition of Oakes School to build an amusement park. Use the graphic organizer provided to complete your assignment.
3. Draw a picture of your favorite scene from the book. Under the picture explain your drawing.

Reminders:

1. This will be a graded assignment.
2. Please use your best handwriting (print or cursive).
3. Check all grammar and spelling.
4. Proofread your paper before turning in for a grade.
5. Formulate your thoughts and ideas on scrap paper.
6. The final copy should be written on the graphic organizer provided in this packet.
7. Be sure to include your first and last name on your assignment.
8. There will be a short comprehension quiz, on this story, when we return to school in the September.

Graphic Organizer: Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School.

Name _____

5 Reasons to keep the school

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

5 Reasons to build the amusement park.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Directions: Draw a picture of your favorite scene from the book. Under your picture write a few sentences to tell me what is happening in your picture. Add color to your drawing.


