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## Second Quarter Extra Credit

DUE- **Tuesday, November 22, 2011**

Extra Credit is going beyond the regular grade or assignment. If you would like to earn extra credit this quarter, you can complete the Second Quarter assignment. This assignment needs to be done correctly and turned in on time. Incomplete work, late work, messy work, poor attention to detail can all prevent you from earning the extra credit points. Doing the assignment does not automatically give you the points. You must follow the directions. **Extra credit turned in with no name will not be graded.**

**Extra Credit** is worth 15 points added to any non-test / project grade. I will choose the assignment that is the lowest on Micrograde and add the credit there. I will not add the credit until the quarter is over and all grades are in. If you do not have all your assignments completed by the end of the quarter, extra credit cannot be added.

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- Designing a book cover for the “Magic School Bus Create-a-Cover Contest”\*
- Writing a fieldtrip adventure Mrs. Frizzle will take her students on this year

\* Book covers can be designed for extra credit and not entered into the contest. Only book covers that meet the contest rules will be submitted.

I am compiling a list of books and videos written on the various topics. Students will have to research to know if there is already a book on a particular topic until I get this completed.

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### “The Magic School Bus Create-a-Cover Contest”

The moon, an island, or even a castle? Where should Ms. Frizzle take her students next? Create a book cover that tells readers about her next field trip.

To enter, student must think of a new The Magic School Bus story idea that answers this question: Where should Ms. Frizzle take her class next? **Student must then create a book cover that tells readers what the story is about. (10 points)**

Title and author must be included so that it looks like a real book cover. **(3 points)**

Each entry must also include the following information on the back: student name, teacher name, age, grade level, school name and address, and phone number. **(2 points)**

Entries must be on paper no larger than 9” x 12”.

Winners will be chosen based on creativity, clarity, and execution. Winners will be notified by January 12, 2012. All entries, including rights therein of winning entries, become the property of Scholastic Inc. (“Sponsor”) and will not be returned.

One entry per person. By entering, entrants agree to abide by these rules, warrant and represent that their entry is original and does not infringe upon any person’s personal or property rights or any other third-party rights, and grant to Sponsor the right to edit, publish, promote, and otherwise use their entries without further notice or compensation in any media now or hereafter known for advertising, promotional, or other purposes throughout the world, in perpetuity, without additional compensation or notification to, or permission of the entrant, except as prohibited by law. Sponsor’s decisions concerning all matters relating to this contest shall be final and binding.

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Student must think of a new The Magic School Bus story idea that answers this question: Where should Ms. Frizzle take her class next? **Student must then write a five paragraph paper that tells readers what the story is about. (15 points)**

Paragraph 1: Introduction telling where they are going

Paragraph 2: Describes the place

Paragraph 3: Describes the adventure

Paragraph 4: Describes the science learned

Paragraph 5: Concludes the paper

Each paragraph needs to follow the Journal Topic Rubric in your notebook. Do not forget topic sentence, supporting sentences, and concluding sentence for each paragraph. Remember this is extra credit. Have an adult proof read the assignment.

Papers need to be written neatly and legible or typed. Typed papers must include a handwritten rough draft.

## Rubric

### Paragraph Content: 15 points

- Contains a title .5 points
- Heading with name, date, and TOC .5 points
- Paragraph is on the given topic 5 points (1pt / paragraph)
- Paragraph contains 10 points (2 pts / paragraph)
  - Topic sentence introduces the given topic
  - At least 3 sentences supporting the topic sentence
  - Concluding sentence tying together /restating the topic

### Paragraph Mechanics: points deducted from content grade

- Do not indent paragraph -.5 points each
- Start a sentence with *and*, *but*, *because*, *or*, *nor*, or *so*. -.5 points each
- Punctuation errors -1 points each
- Capitalization errors -1 points each
- Grammar errors -1 points each
- Spelling errors -1 points each
- Run on sentence -2 points each
- Sentence Fragment -2 points each