Science Creative Book Report

We all need to learn to be strong readers and creative presenters in all of our classes, so you will be required to do a quarterly Science book report.

Choose a book, fiction or non-fiction, that discusses or addresses some scientific topic. Attached is a list of books I found at the Valencia library. Your choice is not limited to this list. All books need to be OK'd by your parents and by me. I have set aside part of our time Friday's as silent reading time. Due to this plan, you will be required to bring your science book with you each Friday of this quarter.

DIRECTIONS:
1. Choose a book either from this list or on your own
2. Clear this choice with your parents and with me
   Parent's Signature: ____________
   Teacher's Signature: ____________
3. As you read, keep a journal of the information you have read. If it is a chapter book, make detailed journal entries every chapter. If it is not a chapter book, make journal entries every 10 pages. In this journal, discuss characters, ideas, examples, or designs presented in the pages you just read. This journal has to be neat, with each entry dated and labelled with the page numbers it refers to.
   This will be handed in the day the report is due, though I will do periodic checks on it throughout the quarter.
4. Choose a creative way to present this book to the class. The only guidelines for this part of the assignment are:
   - The title and author have to be represented
   - The book report needs to explain, depict, characterize or examine a central theme or idea in the book
5. Your presentation can be but is not limited to:
   - a play
   - an experiment
   - a game
   - a poster* be careful that this is well done
   - a felt board
   - a diorama
   - a video
6. Your report will be graded on its ability to interest us in the book you read, its creativity and neatness, and, most importantly the effort you invested in this project.

DUE DATES:
CHOICE OF BOOK DUE: Wednesday, September 20 (9 pts)
IDEA FOR CREATIVE REPORT: Friday, October 20 (9 pts)
BOOK REPORT AND JOURNAL DUE: Monday, November 6 (80 pts, 60 pts)
   (You will sign up for presentation dates if yours is to be presented in class)