

## **Children's Book Report (Math)**

### **Introduction – 3 marks**

Here you want to provide basic information about the book, and a sense of what your report will be about. You should include:

1. Title (underlined)/Author
2. Publication Information: Publisher, year, number of pages
3. Genre
4. A brief (1-2 sentences) introduction to the book and the report/review.

### **Summary – 3 marks**

Briefly explain the story. Give the reader a general idea of what the story is about. Describe the main character or characters, the focus of the plot, any internal conflict, and what sort of adventures the characters have. Do this in just a few short sentences at most. No matter what, if there is a surprise twist ending, do NOT reveal it in the book review.

### **Personal Evaluation – 6 marks**

Write down your opinions of the book. Ask yourself whether the book meets its goals. It should not only be a book that parents will enjoy, but that children will like too. After all, it's a children's book. There should be characters that children relate to, events that children will understand, and an engaging story line. If a character is obnoxious or preachy, make sure you mention that as well. After all, the best review is an honest one. If the book is a picture book, mention whether or not you liked the illustrations, and whether or not the illustrations relate to the text on the page. Most importantly, make sure to support your opinions (make strong, logical arguments).

### **Conclusion / Summary – 3 marks**

Tell readers whether or not you recommend the book. If you think readers would enjoy it, explain why. Conversely, if you think it's a book best left unread, tell them why that's the case. Many people choose children's books based on reviews, so be sure to lay it all on the line.