

Dear Parents,

Here is the assignment sheet for the next book report that will be due on **October 23, 2019**. Please read the instructions carefully. Because you are your child's "Primary Educator", it would be suitable for you to help your child with this project. Remember, it should reflect your child's assignment; therefore, he/she should be doing the main work.

Your child is to construct a diorama (a mini-world or landscape in a box) based on the book, "The Little House" by Virginia Lee Burton. After reading the book, your child is to **design a scene** from the book by using a shoe box or other type of materials. Concrete details would make the project more vivid. Place a typed written paragraph describing the scene on an index card and place the index card on the diorama. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank You for your help,

Miss Jangaon

Diorama:

- Container for the scene
- Materials to be placed inside the container (should be secured)
- Index card to be placed on or near the container (Description of the scene)

Constructing a diorama tips:

- Decide on a scale. This is important, because a diorama becomes believable and looks "real." If you've got a focus (a Barbie doll, a particular plastic dinosaur), use that scale. If not, try 1 foot to 1 inch--that's standard for classic miniatures and doll houses.
- Collect your materials--human and/or animal figures, palm trees or sugar cubes to build an igloo, or doll house furniture and miniature foods for an interior scene, etc.
- Decide on a background--you can paint or draw your own or use wallpaper or wrapping paper or anything else you can find. Remember, though, that the background images should be consistent with the scale you've chosen.
- Choose a container such as a cardboard box or shoe box. You can use just about anything. It should be light but fairly sturdy, especially if you will need to move the diorama around.
- Build your diorama working from the back to the front. Start with the background by creating a horizon and sky/ceiling and ground/floor. Then place large objects such as trees. The smallest objects should be placed the closest to the front. Use glue or putty to secure the objects.