

Use the following link to listen to [The Math Curse](#). Use the rubric below to evaluate the book.
Each category is worth up to 4 points. With a totally of 6 categories, a perfect book would receive 24 points.

Write your total score: _____ out of 24.

CATEGORY	Points:			
	4	3	2	1
Focus on Mathematical Theme	Central plot of story centers on a mathematical theme and successfully educates reader about the topic.	Most of the story is related to a mathematical theme, enabling the reader to learn more about the topic.	Some of the story is related to a mathematical theme. The reader may learn something new about the topic.	No attempt has been made to relate the story to a mathematical theme.
Explanation:				
Accuracy of Writing about Mathematical Concept	All mathematical concepts included in the story are well explained, accurate, and easy to comprehend.	Most of the mathematical concepts explained in the story are accurate and relatively easy to comprehend.	Some attempt has been made to explain mathematical concepts, though they may be difficult to follow.	Little or no attempt has been made to incorporate mathematical concepts.
Explanation:				
Writing Mechanics	Writing is unified, coherent, and well developed. Effective proofreading is evidenced as there are very few, if any, errors in sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and word choice.	Writing is mostly unified, coherent, and well developed. Proofreading is evident as there are few errors in sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and word choice.	Writing lacks unity, coherency or development. Basic proofreading is evidenced, though there are errors in sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and word choice.	Writing lacks unity, coherency or development. There is little/no evidence of proofreading as there are constant errors in sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and word choice.
Explanation:				
Solution/Resolution	The solution to the characters' problem is easy to understand and logical. There are no loose ends.	The solution to the characters' problem is easy to understand and somewhat logical, though there may be some loose ends.	The solution to the characters' problem is confusing or a little difficult to understand.	No solution to the characters' problem is presenter or it is impossible to understand.
Explanation:				
Illustrations	Original illustrations are detailed, attractive, creative and relate to the text on the page in order to	Original illustrations are somewhat detailed, attractive, and mostly relate to the text on the page in order to support	Original illustrations do not relate to the text on the page or support the storyline.	Illustrations are not present OR they are not original.

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Explanation:				
Characterization	The main character(s) are named and clearly described in the text and illustrations. Readers could accurately describe the characters with ease.	The main character(s) are named and described in the text and illustrations. Most readers could accurately describe what the characters look like.	The main character(s) are not easily identifiable. The reader knows little, if anything about the characters.	There are no main characters or it is difficult to differentiate between characters.
Explanation:				