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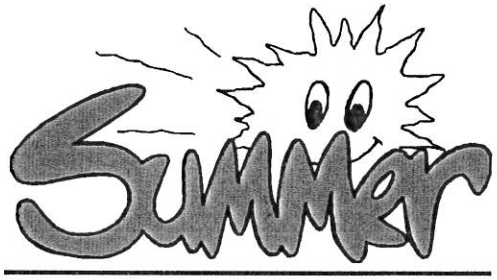
Summer Packet

1st Grade going into 2nd Grade



Tuesday June 19, 2018

Dear Parents,

I want to wish you a safe and happy summer. Summer vacation is a time for rest, relaxation, and fun. Our suggested reading time is at least 20 minutes a day. Please try to encourage this as much as possible so your child will continue to learn. It is also important for your child to practice their math facts. Children at this grade level should know their addition facts to 20. Your child should know these facts without counting on fingers, etc. This is called rapid recall. Another suggestion is for your child to keep a summer journal to keep them writing. These are all activities that can be done together as a family. They should and can be fun activities if planned in a careful and creative way.

On the following page you will find books for summer reading. Please read three books from the list and have your child write a short summary on their choices. The report formats are provided. Only one summary is required for each of the three books. A total of three summaries are due on the 1st Friday of school. These summaries will count towards the 1st trimester's reading homework grade. Have a wonderful summer with your family. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this coming September. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McCabe

Summer Reading List
Students Entering 2nd Grade

By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level!! ☺ Happy Reading and Writing!

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE DON'T BECOME CONCERNED OVER READING LEVELS

- In Elementary school, each child is developing on their own continuum, and it is useless to assess your child's strengths as a reader by his/her reading level alone. To develop strength as a reader, *children need lots of time to read lots of books* that are "just right" for their abilities.

FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP THEM GET STRONGER AT READING?
Nope! *Exactly the opposite can happen!*

- It is **critically** important that children ***not*** read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt a readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development.

- When in doubt, help your child select books that feel "friendly/familiar" to other books they have enjoyed. Also, check out series books - many of the books in this packet are part of a series. Not only is it fun to follow familiar characters through new adventures and experiences, but reading through a book series can help readers grow!

FAQ – MY CHILD REALLY CAN READ HARDER BOOKS THROUGH – AND WANTS TO! THEY CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES. THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON THE IN STORY. ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN'T GIVE THEM MUCH HARDER BOOKS?
*Good question, but **proceed with caution**!*

- "Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Also, please keep in mind that just because readers can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that they are able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.

- If your child is desperate to read a harder book, read it aloud together! ☺ Their ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it alone. Plus, it's a lovely way to bond with your child over your shared love of reading!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Please help your child select books that you are 100% confident your child can read independently *with ease*, and that are clearly written for readers the age of your child. You will see the results of this important, careful book selection work in September! ☺

GREAT WEBSITES FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS: **http://www.hornbookguide.com**, **http://www.cbcbooks.org/readinglists/** , **http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/** and **http://www.nsta.org/recommends/**

TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Arthur's Early Chapter Books (series)	Hoban, Lillian	X	
Clifford (series)	Brickwell, Norman	X	
Golly Sisters (series)	Byars, Betsy	X	
Frog And Toad (series)	Lobel, Arnold	X	
If You Give a Mouse a... (series)	Numeroff, L	X	
Madeline (series)	Bemelmens, Ludwig	X	
Little Bill (series)	Cosby, Bill	X	
Nate The Great (series)	Sharmat, Marjorie W.	X	
Camp Knock Knock (series)	Douglas, Ann	X	
Three Days On A River In A Red Canoe	Williams, Vera B.	X	
Betsy Ross And the Silver Thimble	Greene, Stephanie		X
Chicken Aren't The Only Ones	Heller, Ruth		X
Dinosaur Time	Parish, peggy		X
The Emperor's Egg	Jenkins, Martin		X
Fire Fighter	Royston, Angela		X
First Flight: The Story Of Tom Tate And The Wright Brothers	Shea, George		X
A Girl Named Helen Keller	Lundell, Margo		X
Keep The Lights Burning, Abbie	Roop, Peter And Connie		X
Looking At Maps And Gobles	Bredeson, Carmen		X

TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Amelia Bedelia (series)	Parish, Peggy	X	
Cam Jansen (series)	Adler, David A,	X	
Geroge And Martha (series)	Marshall. James	X	
Judy Moody (series)	McDonald, Megan	X	
Miss Nelson Books (series)	Allard, Harry	X	
Pinky And Rex (series)	Howe, James	X	
Black Lagoon (series)	Thaler, Mike	X	
Ginger Brown (series)	Wyeth, Sharon	X	
Deputy Dan (series)	Rosenbloom, Joseph	X	
Horrible Harry (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
Song Lee (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story Of Balto	Standford, Natalie		X
Dinosaur Days	Milton, Joyce		X
Dolphin	Morris, Robert Ada		X
From Flower to Honey	Nelson, Robin		X
From Idea to Book	Marshall. James		X
Hungry, Hungry Sharks	Cole, Joanna		X
The Snow Walker	Wetterer, Margaret K.		X
Thinking About Ants	Brenner, Barbara		X
Whales: The Gentle Giants	Milton, Joyce		X
What's It like To Be A Fish?	Pfeffer, Wendy		X

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Froggy Books (series)	London, Jonathan	X	
Father Bear Comes Home	Minarik, Else H.	X	
Happy Birthday, Sam	Hutchins, Pat	X	
Hattie And The Fox	Fox, Mem	X	
Henny Penny	Galdone, Paul	X	
Just Grandma And Me	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Leo The Late Bloomer	Kraus, Robert	X	
Messy Bessey (series)	McKissack, Patricia	X	
Mrs. Brice's Mice	Hoff, Syd	X	
The Quilt	Jonas, Ann	X	
Who Took The Farmer's Hat?	Nodset, Joan L.	X	
Airport	Barton, Byron		X
All The Colors Of The Rainbow	Fowler, Allan		X
Bees	Ashley, Susan		X
Charlie Needs A Cloak	dePaola, Tomie		X
A Day In The Life Of A Police Officer	Hayward, Linda		X
A Day In The Life Of A TV Reporter	Hayward, Linda		X
Dogs On The Farm	Schuh, Mari C.		X
Rockets And Spaceships	Wallace, Karen		X
Teacher	Gorman, Jacqueline		X
Wild Baby Animals	Wallace, Karen		X
A Girl Named Helen Keller	Schmidt, Karen		X
Spooky Riddles	Brown, Marc		X

TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Beezy (series)	McDonald, Megan	X	
Danny And The Dinosaur (series)	Hoff, Syd	X	
Bear (series)	Asch, Frank	X	
Henry And Mudge (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
Little Bear (series)	Minarik, Else L	X	
Curious George (series)	Rey, Margaret	X	
Poppleton (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
Fox (series)	Marshall, Edward	X	
Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
The Snowy Day	Keats, Ezra Jack	X	
Mouse Soup, Owl at Home, etc	Lobel, Arnold	X	
There's An...(series)	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Where The Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice	X	
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!	Dussling, Jennifer		X
Celebrating Chanukah: Eight Nights	Kupperstein, Joel		X
Celebrating Chinese New Year	Drew, Rosa		X
Dinosaur Dinners	Davis, Lee		X
Going By Bus	Ashley, Susan		X
Guinea Pigs	Macken, JoAnn Early		X
Slinky, Scaly Snakes	Dussling, Jennifer		X
The Statue Of Liberty	Penner, Lucille Recht		X
Veterinarian	Gorman, Jacqueline		X

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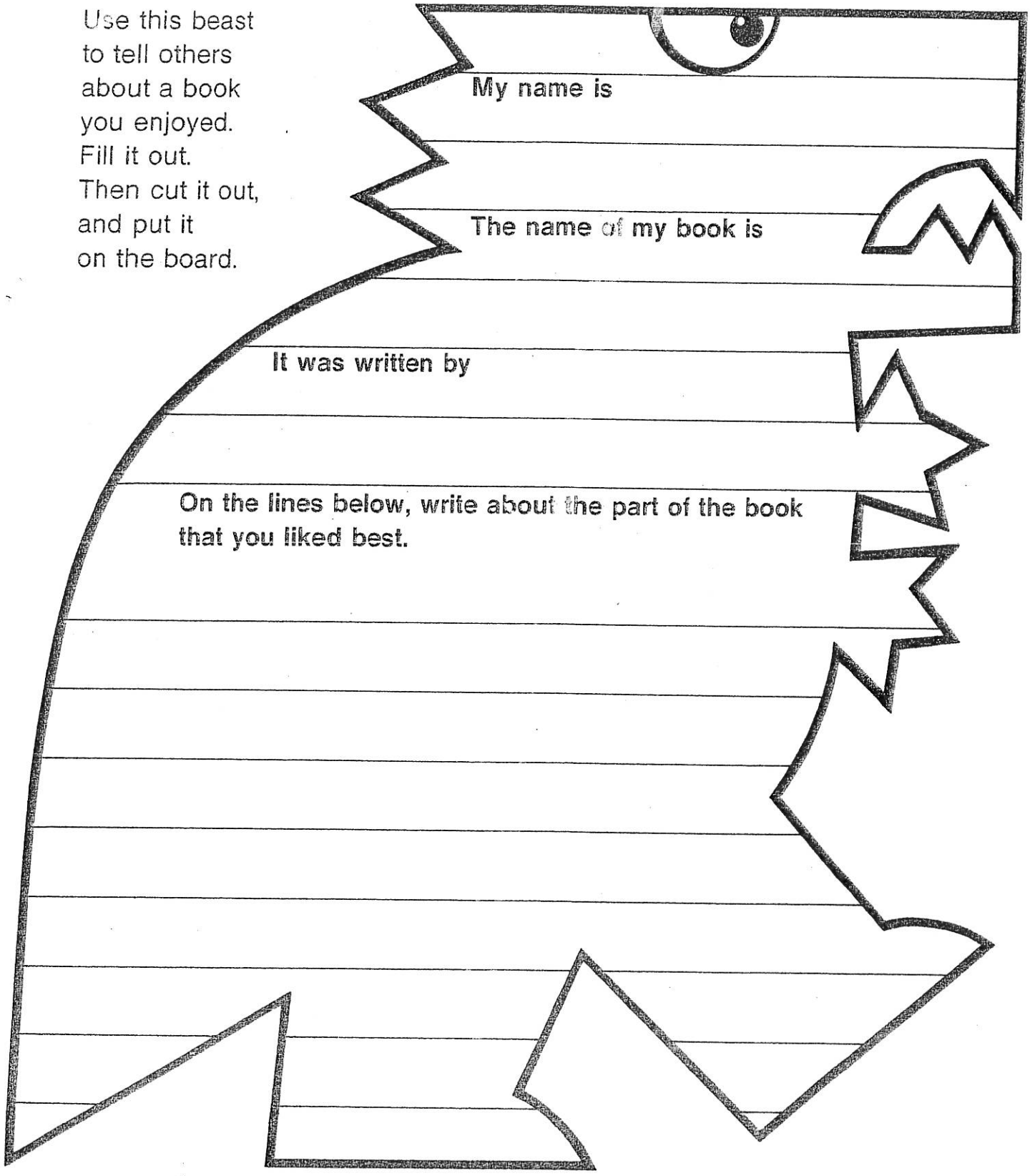
Alexander and the...(series)	Viorst, Judith	X	
Arthur (series)	Brown, Marc	X	
Sports Stories (series)	Christopher, Matt	X	
Bailey School Kids (series)	Dadey, Debbie	X	
Polk Street School (series)	Giff, Patricia Reilly	X	
Magic Treehouse (series)	Osborne, Mary Pope	X	
Junie B Jones (series)	Park, Barbara	X	
Russell (series)	Hurwitz, Johanna	X	
Berenstain Bears (series)	Berenstain, S and J	X	
Mary Marony (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
Freckle Juice	Blume, Judy	X	
Molly's Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara	X	
The One In The Middle Is The Green Kangaroo	Blume, Judy	X	
Too Many Tamales	Soto, Gary	X	
Abe Lincoln's Hat	Brenner, Martha		X
Buddy, The First Seeing Eye Dog	Moore, Eva		X
Five True Dog Stories	Davidson, Margaret		X
George Washington's Mother	Fritz, Jean		X
How A House Is Built	Gibbons, Gail		X
Kate Shelley And The Midnight Express	Wetterer, Margaret K.		X
A Picture Book Of Rosa Parks	Adler, David A.		X
Titanic: the Disaster That Shocked The World	Dubowski, Mark		X

TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
A-Z Mysteries (series)	Roy, Ron	X	
Amber Brown (series)	Danziger, Paula	X	
Encyclopedia Brown (series)	Sobel, David	X	
The Stories Julian Tells (series)	Cameron, Ann	X	
Herbie Jones (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
Chicken Sunday	Polacco, Patricia	X	
The Chocolate Touch	Catling, Patrick Skene	X	
How to Be Cool in the 3rd Grade	Douglas, Ann	X	
My Name Is Maria Isabel	Ada, Alma F.	X	
Shoeshine Girl	Bulla, Clyde R.	X	
All Pigs Are Beautiful	King-Smith, Dick		X
Helen Keller: Courage In the dark	Hurwitz, Johanna		X
How A Book Is Made	Aliki		X
Jackie Robinson And the Story Of All-Black Baseball	O'Connor, Jim		X
Just A Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Fritz, Jean		X
Louis Braille, The Boy Who Invented Books For The Blind	Davidson, Margaret		X
My Great-Aunt Arizona	Houston, Gloria		X
Pompeii - Buried Alive!	Kunhartz, Edith		X
Shark Attack!	Dubowski, Cathy East		X
The Titanic: Lost.....And Found	Donnelly, Judy		X

The Book Beast

Use this beast to tell others about a book you enjoyed. Fill it out. Then cut it out, and put it on the board.



My name is

The name of my book is

It was written by

On the lines below, write about the part of the book that you liked best.

The Primary Teacher's Pet
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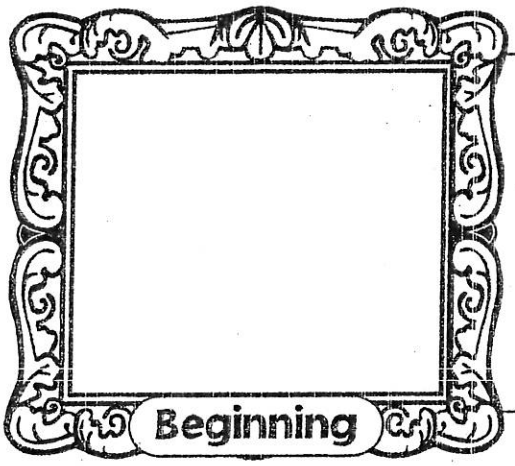
Name _____ Date _____

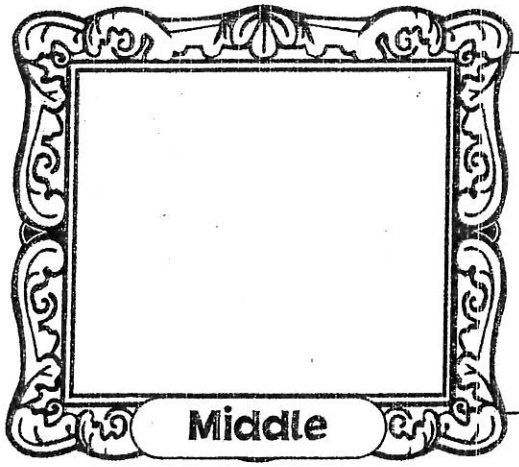
Character Feeling Chart

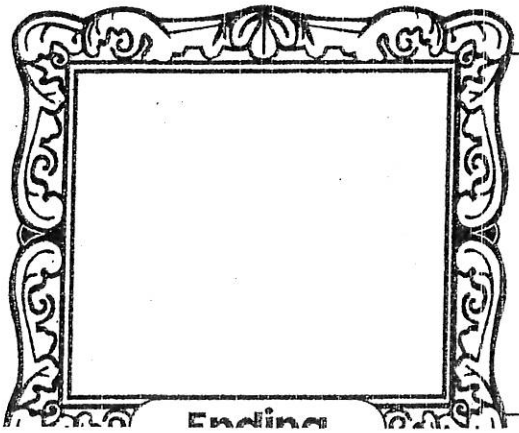
Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Main Character: _____







stant Independent Reading Response Activities Scholastic Professional Books

Name:_____ Date:_____

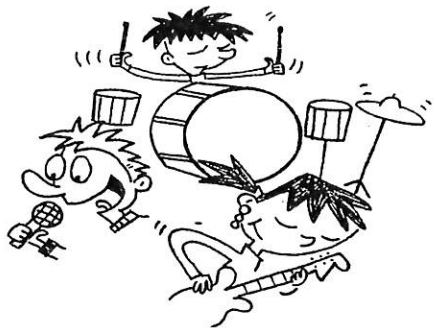
Reading Rocks!

Directions: Complete each sentence to tell why your book rocks!

Title:_____

Author:_____

This book rocks because...



1. At the beginning _____

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2. I learned these new words: _____

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3. The book reminded me of _____

_____.

4. And finally... drum roll, please... _____

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Summer Math Resources

Summer Math Challenge https://www.quantiles.com/content/summer-math-challenge/

The Summer Math Challenge is a free math skills maintenance program based on grade-level standards that help prepare students for college and careers. The program is targeted to students who have just completed grade 2 through 6 and is designed to help kids retain math skills learned during the previous school year. From June 22nd through July 31st parents will receive daily emails with fun activities and links to educational resources. When the program ends parents can print an award certificate to celebrate their child's summer math accomplishment!

PDF flyer for this resource: https://s3.amazonaws.com/quantile-resources/resources/downloads/static/Summer%20Math%20Challenge%20Flyer%20Color.pdf

IXL https://www.ixl.com

IXL is a web-based program that targets MATH for all grades K-12 with problems based on the common core standards. The math problems have a wide variety of question types, from word problems to interactive graphing. It offers online math practice with tutorial help through monthly or annual subscriptions. Pricing information: https://www.ixl.com/membership/family/pricing

Calculation Nation http://calculationnation.nctm.org

Fun, web-based games is part of the Illuminations project from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Calculation Nation uses the power of the Web to let students challenge opponents from anywhere in the world. At the same time, students are able to challenge themselves by investigating significant mathematical content and practicing fundamental skills.

10 Best Math Apps for Kids from Parents.com
http://www.parents.com/kids/education/math-and-science/best-math-apps-for-kids/

These fun apps will reinforce basic arithmetic concepts and spark a love for learning math.