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for students **entering 1st Grade in Sept. 2023**

June 24, 2023

Dear Harrison School District Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Reading can take us to some interesting places. We can use our imaginations to travel the universe and discover so many awesome things along the way. *Imagine Your Story* is the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme this year. We hope that everyone will have the opportunity to visit the library to read wonderful books that celebrate this national reading adventure!

Students are required to read and complete projects about what they have read. Rising Kindergarteners are expected to complete one assignment, while rising first, second, and Third graders are required to complete at least *two* projects: one fiction and one nonfiction. Guidelines for each assignment and suggested reading lists for each grade level are attached. However, students are welcome to read any titles of interest.

All reading assignments must be completed and turned in to each assigned classroom teacher by Monday, September 11, 2023 for a grade. Assistance and support from our parents and guardians is greatly appreciated. The parent involvement form is also attached and should be filled out by a parent or guardian.

It is hopeful that all students will enjoy reading in space and come back in September ready to share their reading adventures with their classmates and teachers!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen Kroog".

Maureen Kroog, Ed.D.
Acting Superintendent of Schools/
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

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Name: _____

Harrison Public Schools - Kennedy Elementary School
Summer Reading Assignment - First Grade

First Grade Summer Reading List

<p><i>A Pair of Polar Bears</i>, Joanne Ryder <i>A Seed is Sleepy</i>, Dianna Hutts Aston <i>A Visitor for Bear</i>, Bonny Becker <i>All Aboard the Dino Train</i>, Deb Lund <i>All the World</i>, Liz Garton Scanlon <i>Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals</i>, Steve Jenkins <i>Amazing Grace</i>, Mary Hoffman <i>Anansi's Party Time</i>, Eric Kimmel <i>Chang's Paper Pony</i>, Eleanor Coerr <i>Chicken Said, "Cluck!"</i> Judyann Ackerman Grant <i>Come Fly with Me</i>, Satomi Ichikawa <i>Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa</i>, Erica Silverman <i>Dinosaurs!</i> Gail Gibbons <i>Dinotrux</i>, Chris Gall <i>Everybody Bonjourns!</i> Leslie Kimmelman <i>Fletcher and the Falling Leaves</i>, Julia Rawlinson <i>For You Are a Kenyan Child</i>, Kelly Cunnane <i>Good Night, Good Knight</i>, Shelley Moore Thomas <i>Grace for President</i>, Kelly S. DiPucchio <i>Guess What is Growing Inside This Egg?</i> Mia Posada <i>Hi! Fly Guy!</i> Tedd Arnold <i>I'm Mighty</i>, Kate McMullin <i>Iris and Walter</i>, Elissa Guest <i>Lon Po Po</i>, Ed Young <i>Look to the Stars</i>, Buzz Aldrin</p>	<p><i>Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake</i>, Cynthia Rylant <i>My Mother's Sari</i>, Sandhya Rao <i>One World, One Day</i>, Barbara Kerley <i>Our Children Can Soar</i>, Michelle Cook <i>Owen and Mzee</i>, Isabella Hatkoff <i>Panda Kisses</i>, Alyssa Capucilli <i>Pedro's Burro</i>, Alyssa Capucilli <i>Puppy Mudge Wants to Play</i>, Cynthia Rylant <i>Recess at 20 Below</i>, Cindy Lou Aillaud <i>Shades of People</i>, Shelly Rotner <i>Sisters & Brothers</i>, Steve Jenkins <i>Splat the Cat</i>, Rob Scotton <i>Sunshine, Moonshine</i>, Jennifer Armstrong <i>Superhero School</i>, Aaron Reynolds <i>The Giant and the Beanstalk</i>, Diane Stanley <i>The Great Fuzz Frenzy</i>, Janet Stevens <i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i>, Jon Scieszka <i>Today I Will Fly!</i> Mo Willems <i>Two Bobbies</i>, Kirby Larson <i>Waiting for Wings</i>, Lois Ehlert <i>Wangari's Trees of Peace</i>, Jeanette Winter <i>What a Trip, Amber Brown</i>, Paula Danziger <i>When Tiny Was Tiny</i>, Cari Meister <i>Winter is the Warmest Season</i>, Lauren Stringer <i>Wombat Walkabout</i>, Carol Diggery Shield</p>
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This is a suggested list. Please feel free to read any books of interest. Many titles are available on reading apps, including Kindle.

Name: _____

Harrison Public Schools - Kennedy Elementary School
Summer Reading Assignment - First Grade

Fiction Book Report

Book Title: _____

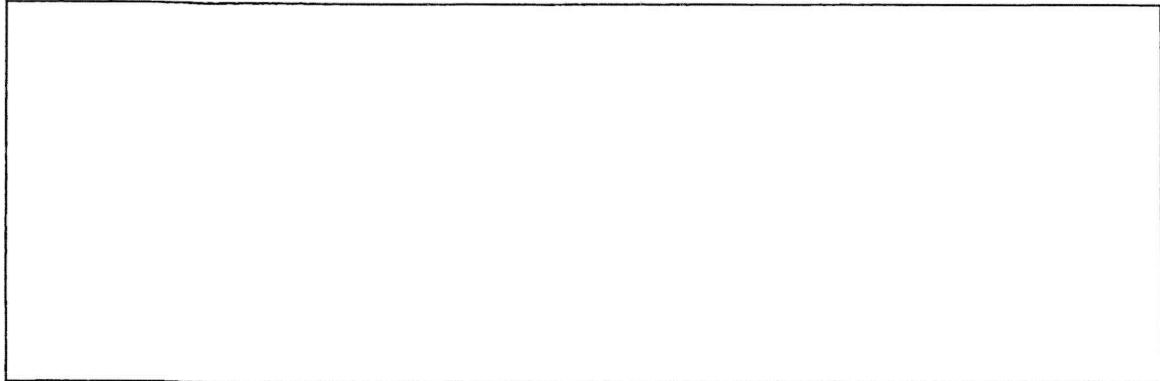
Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

Characters: List the main characters.

Setting: Tell where and when the story takes place.

Draw a picture of your favorite part in the book. Then, write a sentence explaining your favorite part.



Name: _____

Harrison Public Schools - Kennedy Elementary School
Summer Reading Assignment - First Grade

Nonfiction Book Report

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Topic/Subject: _____

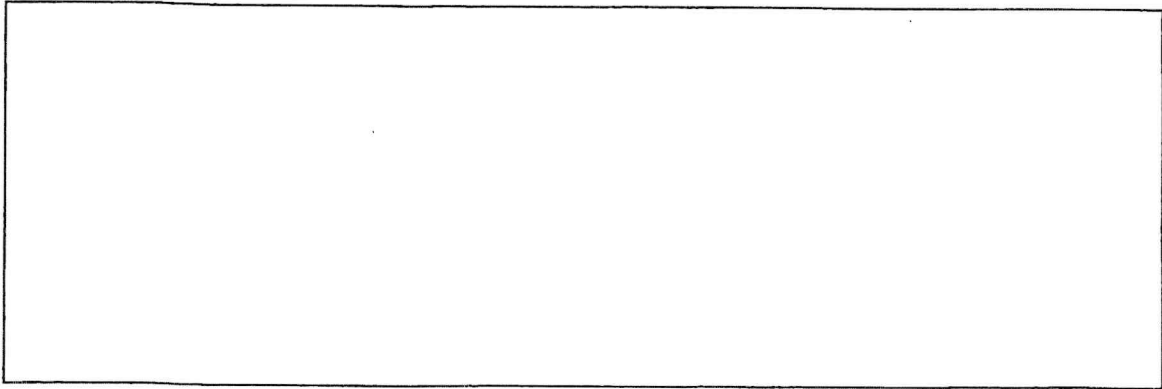
List one thing you have learned from this book:

List two new words you learned while reading this book:

1. _____

2. _____

Draw a picture of your favorite part in the book. Then, write a sentence explaining your favorite part.



Name: _____

Harrison Public Schools - Kennedy Elementary School
Summer Reading Assignment - First Grade

Parent Involvement Form

Please list the books that your child read during the summer.

Titles:

Authors:

(list any other books read on the back of this sheet)

Please place a check for each completed item:

Fiction

Non-fiction

- Book was read by or to the student.
- Reports are completed on the proper school form.
- Book titles and authors are correct.
- Book reports are written using complete sentences.
- Book reports are written neatly.
- Book reports will be returned to school in Sept.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____