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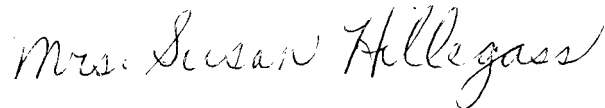
Dear Parents,

As your child finishes first grade, it is my pleasure to look ahead and welcome you and your child into the second grade. It will be an exciting and busy year highlighted with their preparation and reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and learning how to write in cursive. Reading fluently and communicating well will be emphasized and you will be amazed at how much they will grow in these areas.

In order to help your child maintain his/her reading and writing skills over the summer, I would like you to help your child choose and **read two books** from the list of books attached. Then, **the children should complete the *We Love Literature!* sheet and draw a picture about the book on yellow construction paper (8 1/2 inches by 10 inches) for one of the books and create the *Visor* for the other book.** Your time and guidance are the best ingredients for their success. The book reports are due on Friday, September 9th. In class that day the students will be able to wear their visors and tell the class about that story (see rubrics). The book reports will be put on display for everyone to enjoy. A grade will be given for the projects based on the rubrics printed on the reverse side of this sheet.

If you have any questions you can e-mail me at cccond!Yadew_splnkmentary.com. Please note that I do not check my e-mail everyday over the summer due to vacation time, but I will get back to you as soon as possible. Have a super summer!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Susan Hillegass

*****PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET WITH THE BOOK REPORTS.*****

Book Report Rubrics

4=Meets all requirements 3=Meets requirements but contains a few errors/omissions 2=Errors or omissions take from the meaning 1=Does not meet requirements and contains numerous errors/omissions

***WE LOVE LITERATURE!*- Book Report**

___ The words are spelled correctly including proper use of capital letters in writing the title of the story, author, illustrator or other character names.

___ The four questions on the *We Love Literature!* sheet are answered in complete sentences including a capital letter to begin the first word of the sentence and a period to end it.

___ A colorful illustration about the story is drawn on yellow construction paper (8 1/2 inches by 10 inches).

Work is neat and legible.

***VISOR*- Book Report**

___ The visor pattern is traced onto poster board and cut out.

___ The title and author are written on the visor using correct spelling and capitalization.

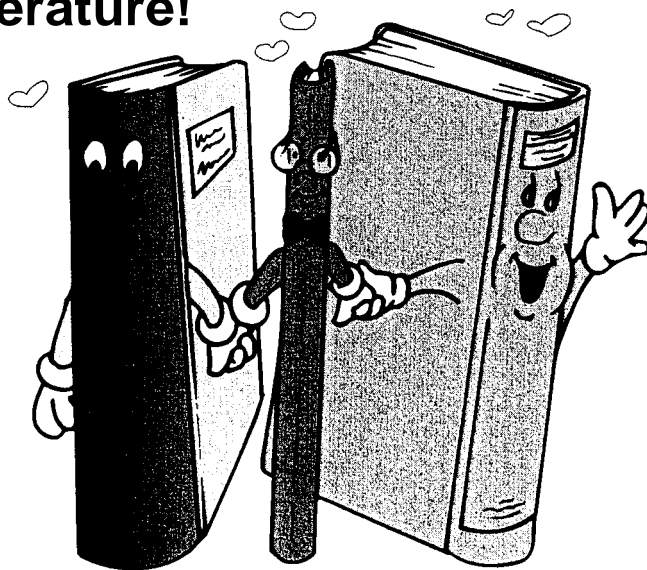
A colorful illustration related to the story is drawn on the visor.

___ Work is neat and legible.

___ An oral explanation of the visor illustration and how it relates to the story is given to the class as well as if the story was enjoyed or not and why.

We Love Literature!

Tell about your book.
Write an answer in each blank.



Title _____

Author _____

Illustrator _____

Tell what this book is about. _____

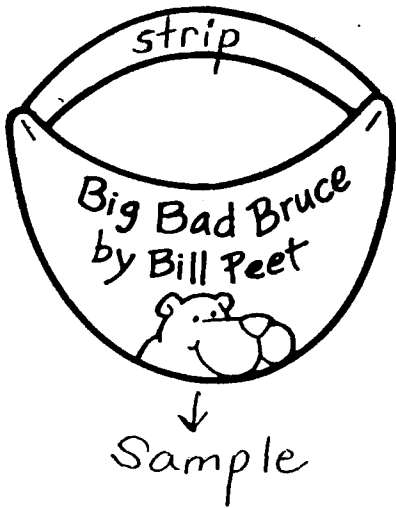
What was the best part of the book? _____

What did you think of the pictures in this book? _____

Did you like this book? _____ Why or why not? _____

Bonus Box: Draw a picture about your book.

Visor Pattern



1. Trace this pattern onto the poster board sheet.
2. Cut out and decorate it following the rubrics.
3. To complete the visor the strip will be provided and attached at school on the due date.