



Summer Reading Assignment

1st / 2nd Grade

Boyd-Moline Library Media Center
The First Academy

Assignment

Print a selfie of you and the book(s) you read this summer. Then complete one page from the Reading Comprehension packet. On the back, write why you might recommend this book to a friend.

We will display your page and photo to celebrate your work!

Books

- *Series - National Geographic Kids - Informational Text, Non-Fiction books.* In First and Second grade, we study animals, habitats, and the way God created each animal and habitat in unique ways that specifically meets each one's needs.
- *Becky the Brave* by Laurie Lears. This is a sweet story about a child with epilepsy. In First grade we focus on the unique ways God made people and learn to respect and appreciate our many differences.
- *Somewhere in the World Right Now* by Stacey Schuett. This book explains time zones around the world. It is "perfect for sparking an interest in geography." This year we will learn to tell time and work on our mapping skills. *Somewhere in the World Right Now* highlights different time zones as we travel around the world.
BL: **2.6** - AR Pts: 0.5
- *Manjhi Moves a Mountain* by Nancy Churnin. This is a true story about what one man can accomplish with determination. We infuse all subjects with a Biblical worldview. This true story demonstrates how perseverance and caring for others can change everything!
BL: **3.1** - AR Pts: 0.5.
- *God's Very Good Idea* by Trillia Newbell. *God's Very Good Idea* is to have lots of different people enjoying loving him and loving each other. This stunningly illustrated journey from the garden of Eden to God's heavenly throne room shows how despite our sinfulness, everyone can be a part of God's very good idea through the saving work of Christ. This book celebrates diversity and will help children see how people from all ethnic and social backgrounds are valuable to God and how Jesus came to rescue all kinds of people. It will also excite them about being part of church – God's delightfully different family. Second graders focus on the theme of people as God's image bearers.
- *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts. "A young boy realizes that the things he has - warm boots, a loving grandmother, and a good friend - are worth more than the things he wants." Character development is an important part of life at The First Academy. We want to instill biblical values and teach children to be "others-centered" rather than self-centered.
BL: **3.1** - AR Pts: 0.5

- *In the Wild* by David Elliott. A poetic look at creatures around the globe, this book celebrates the differences in the animals God created. In Second Grade we study animal habitats.
BL: **2.8** - AR Pts: 0.5
- *Sam the Sea Cow* by Francine Jacobs. This realistic fiction story follows a manatee named Sam through his life's adventures. When Sam runs into trouble, people come to the rescue to help and protect this member of an endangered species. This year in Second Grade Science we will study animal habitats and focus on one of God's amazing creatures, the manatee. *Sam the Sea Cow* not only teaches details about manatees, but also about the impact people have on animal habitats. As children of God, we are to care for his creation.
BL: **2.4** - AR Pts. 0.5
- *Goggles!* By Jack Ezra Keats. Two boys find a pair of motorcycle goggles but an adventure ensues once the dog grabs them and runs. In First grade we learn about how God perfectly provides for our needs and how we are to respond with gratitude and contentment. In this story, two friends seem to have very little to play with but are contented with the "treasure" they find at the dump.
BL: **1.8** - AR Pts: 0.5.
- *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say. This is a poignant story of a family's experience living in Japan and America. In First grade we study symbols of America. Many symbols point to the freedom we have. We learn about immigrants coming to our country and the many reasons they come.
BL: **3.6** - AR Pts: 0.5.
- *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry. The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home. A theme of Science in Second Grade is that we are caretakers of God's creation. God saw all that he had made and it was good. This book gives children a glimpse into the uniqueness of the rainforest.
BL: **3.8** - AR Pts: 0.5.

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Character

Today I read: _____

Author: _____

Draw a picture of the characters in the story:

My favorite character was: _____

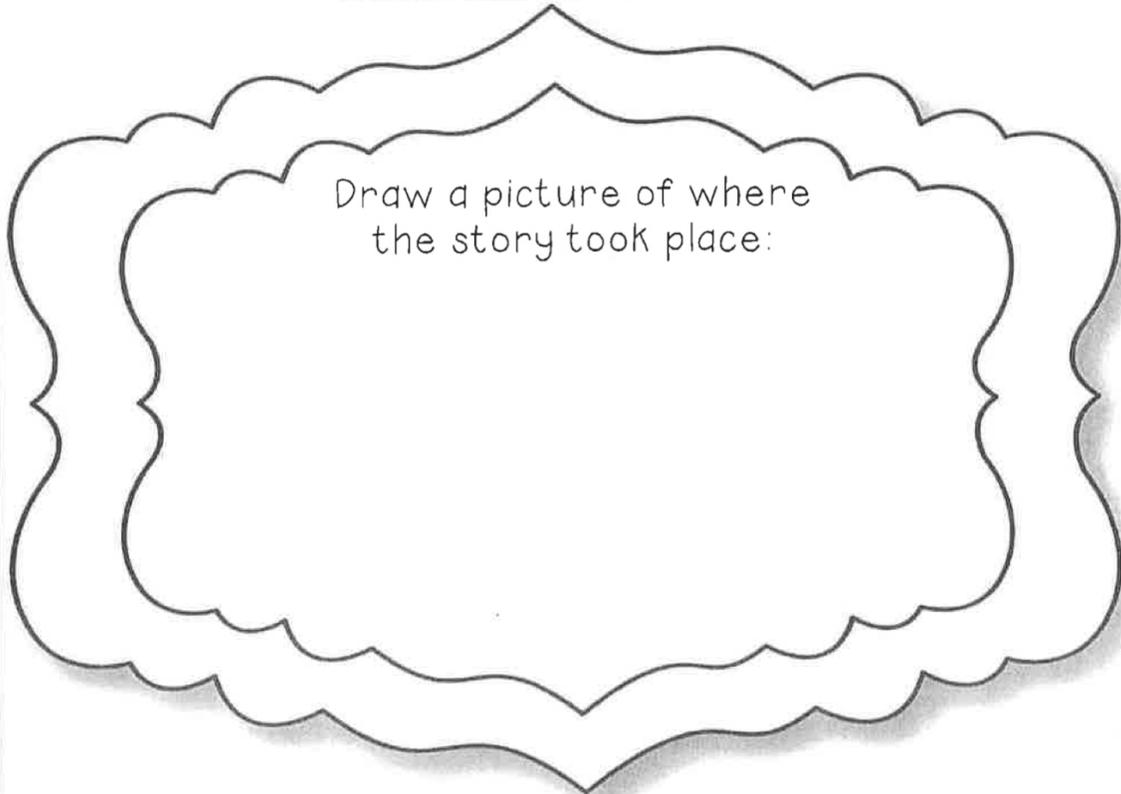
This was my favorite character because:

name: _____

SETTING

Today I read: _____

Author: _____



Draw a picture of where
the story took place:

My favorite part of the setting was:

name: _____

BEGINNING, MIDDLE, and END

Today I read: _____

Author: _____

Draw a picture of what happened...

First:

Next:

Last:

name: _____

MAIN IDEA

Today I read: _____

Author: _____

Main Idea:

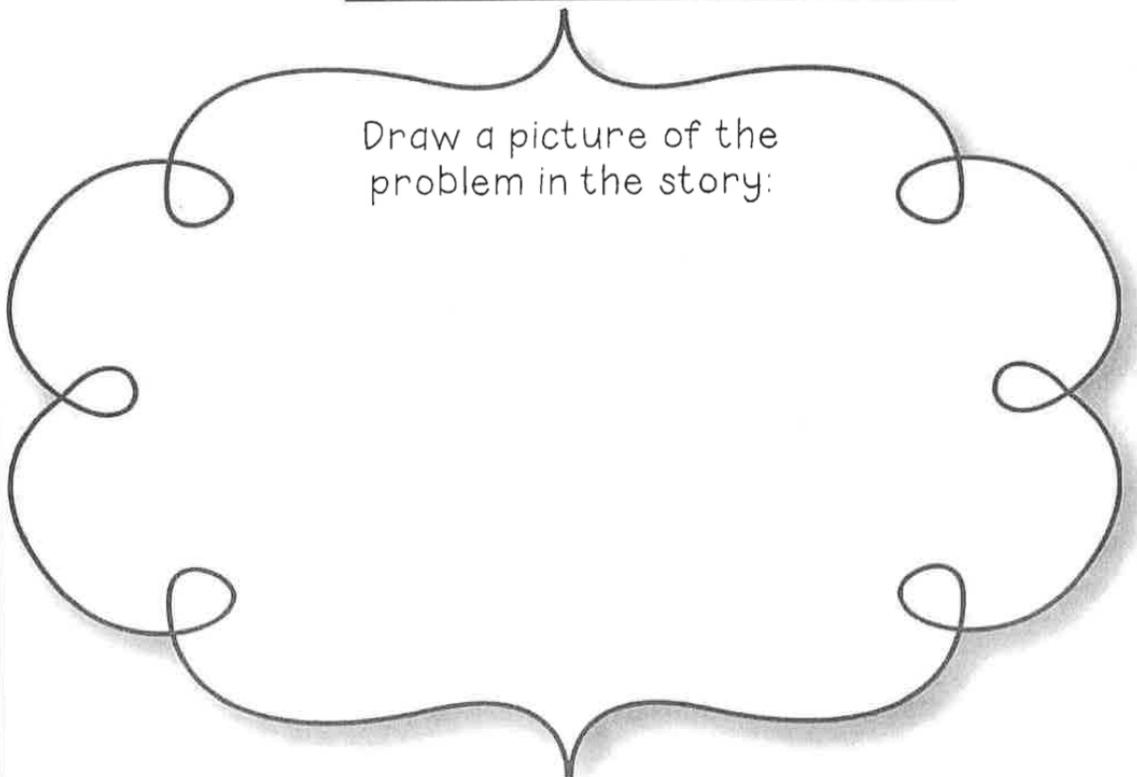
What details in the story helped you better understand the main idea?

name: _____

PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

Today I read: _____

Author: _____



Draw a picture of the problem in the story:

The problem in the story was solved when:
