



June, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

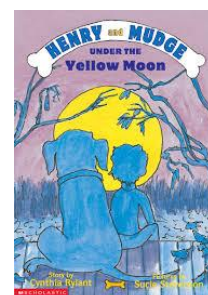
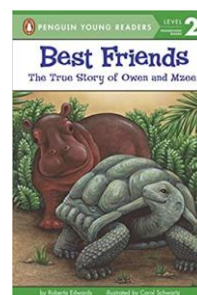
My name is Mrs. Samantha Ward and I am the second-grade teacher at Holy Trinity School. Holy Trinity is a special place and I am truly blessed to be a part of the “HTS Family.” I am looking forward to having your child in my class in September. I feel that there are three parts to a child’s education: School, Home, and the Student. It is important that all three parts work together to prepare the student for the next level. I am so excited to start our new journey and to make memories that will last a lifetime.

The summer reading books and assignments will help your child continue to strengthen their reading skills. The books they will read this summer are Henry and Mudge, Under the Yellow Moon by Cynthia Rylant and Best Friends - The True Story of Owen and Mzee by Roberta Edwards. The assignment for Henry and Mudge have activities that your child needs to do before they read the book. The rest of the assignments are broken up into chapters, so your child can do each section after the chapter or wait until the end of the book. The assignment for Best Friends requires your child to look up vocabulary words, tell about the characters, setting and summary, compare and contrast Hippos and tortoises, and sequence the events in the story from first to last. After they complete the assignment students should color the pictures of the animals. Then, they will need to cut on the dotted line, put the pages in order and staple it together. When completed you should be able to see each category they completed.

It is highly recommended that your child drill addition and subtraction facts (flash cards work great). Simple Solutions is also a great way to help maintain the math skills they have learned. Reviewing math skills can also be done at home or on vacation. Children can help measure ingredients, tell you the time, figure out how much money they have saved, or how much money they need to have to buy an item they would like. Keeping your child engaged in learning during the summer will help them retain the information they have learned.

Have a wonderful summer! See you in September!

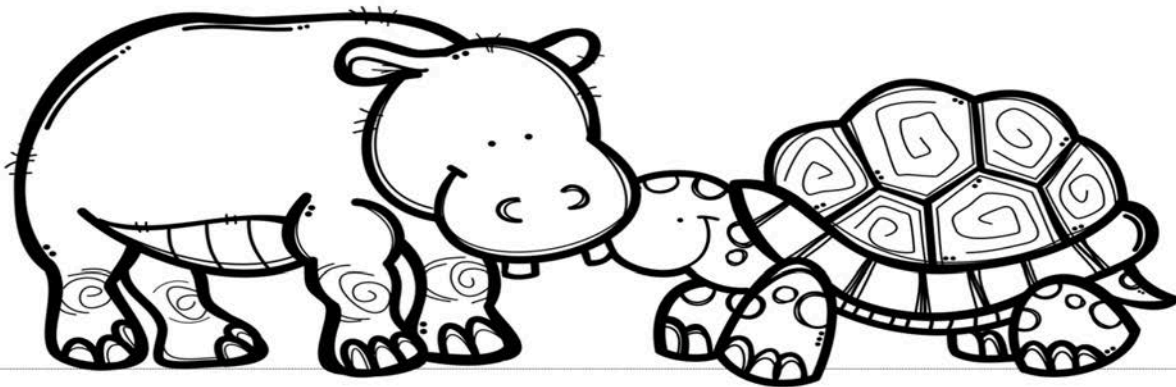
Sincerely,
Mrs. Ward



Name: _____ Date: _____

HTS Second Grade Summer Reading Assignment
Best Friends: The True Story of Owen and Mzee
Author: Roberta Edwards

Rubric	
Vocabulary: _____ / 6 Points	
Character, Setting, and Summary: _____ / 6 Points	
Compare and Contrast: _____ / 6 Points	
First, Next, Then, Last: _____ / 8 Points	
Neatness: _____ / 8 Points	
Spelling: _____ / 8 Points	
Punctuation: _____ / 8 Points	
Total: _____ / 50	



OWEN & MZEE: Remarkable Friends



CUT ALONG DASHED GUIDELINE

Define the following vocabulary words.

Reptiles	
Mammals	
Enemies	
Flood	
Hissed	
Friends	

Vocabulary



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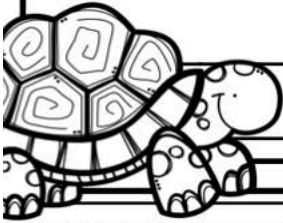
Best Friends: The True Story of Owen and Mzee

Fill in the information for each topic: Characters, Setting (When Owen and Mzee are together), Summary (When Owen and Mzee are together)

Characters:

Setting:

Summary:



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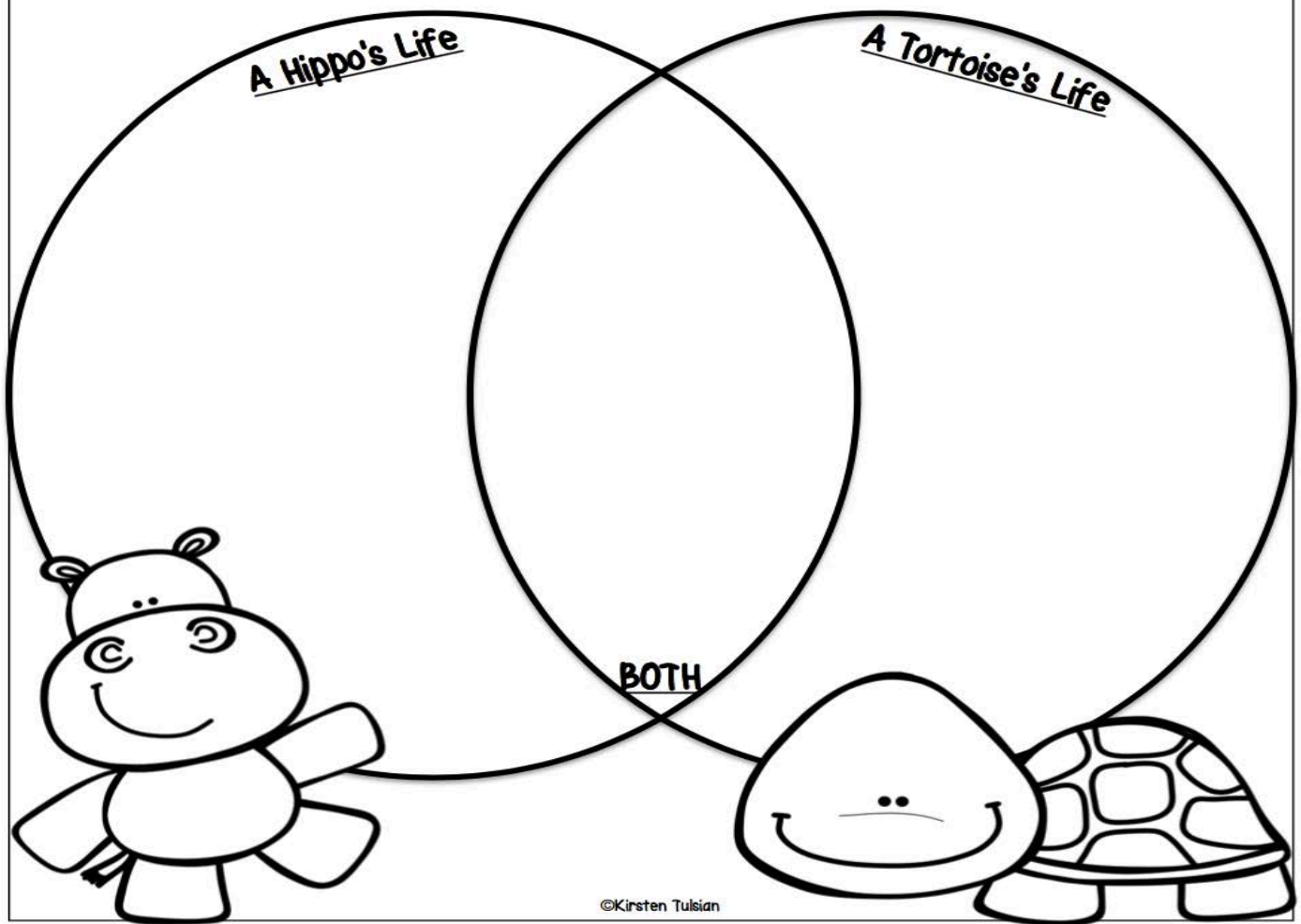
Characters, Setting, and Summary



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Write 3 facts for each section.

Use this Venn Diagram to compare and contrast the life of a hippopotamus and the life of a tortoise.
How are they the same and how are they different?



Compare and Contrast



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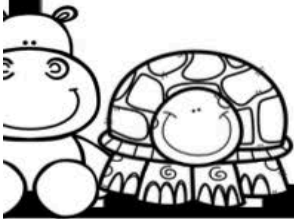
What happened in this story?

First,

Next,

Then,

Last,



First, Next, Then, Last



CUT ALONG DASHED GUIDELINE



Name: _____

HTS Second Grade Summer Reading Assignment
"Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon"

Pre-reading

Answer the questions below before you read the book. Write in complete sentences, check spelling and use correct punctuation.

Who is the author?

Who is the illustrator?

What do you see happening on the cover of the book?

Is this book fiction or non-fiction? _____

How many chapters are there in the book? _____

Looking at the chapter names in the book make a prediction about something you think will happen in the book.

Together in the Fall

What does Henry like doing in the fall?

Why do Henry's ears turn red?

What do Henry and Mudge like to do most of all?

What is something you like to do in the fall?

Under the Yellow Moon

What does Henry not like about Halloween?

What does Henry think the click-click sound is?

What is making the click-click sound?

Draw a picture of something you like to do in the fall.



Thanksgiving Guest

Who comes to visit Henry's family?

Why doesn't Henry like Aunt Sally?

Why does Henry change his mind about Aunt Sally?

How do you think Mudge feels about Aunt Sally? Why?

Rubric

Correct Answers: _____ / 50 Points

Complete sentences: _____ / 10 Points

Neatness: _____ / 10 points

Spelling: _____ / 10 Points

Capitalization: _____ / 10 Points

Punctuation: _____ / 10 Points

Total: _____ / 100