

## Fourth Grade Summer Packet

Welcome to the Middle School! Students entering the fourth grade are required to read three chapter books over the summer and complete a reading/writing activity for each book.

Our required chapter book selection this year is:

*The World According to Humphrey* (ISBN # 0-14-240352-0)  
by Betty G. Birney.

Parents will need to purchase a copy of this book, as there is an assignment requiring them to write in the book. This book will be turned in the first week of school.

The required picture book selection for the summer is:

*14 Cows for America* (ISBN #978-1-56145-490-7)  
by Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah & Carmen Agra Deedy

Students should also select two chapter books of their choice from the enclosed library list for required reading. We are confident that your student will read many other books this summer.

Please use the enclosed reading log to record all the books read. We will use this reading log to discuss summer reading at the beginning of the year. We would like to suggest that your student read a variety of genres such as biographies, folktales, fairytale, poetry, fantasy, mysteries, non-fiction, historical fiction and realistic fiction. We have included a *Handwriting Without Tears* chart in your packet to remember how to form the letters as you are completing your work. Remember always do your best!

### Finished Packet Checklist

- Read *The World According to Humphrey*
- Completed reading activities (2)
- Read CHOICE book #1
- Completed "Author Letter"
- Read CHOICE book #2
- Completed "Read All About \_\_\_\_\_"
- Read *14 Cows for America*
- Recorded ALL books read this summer on reading log
- Personal Narrative

**Packet due to homeroom teacher 1<sup>st</sup> day of school**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Required Selection: *The World According to Humphrey*

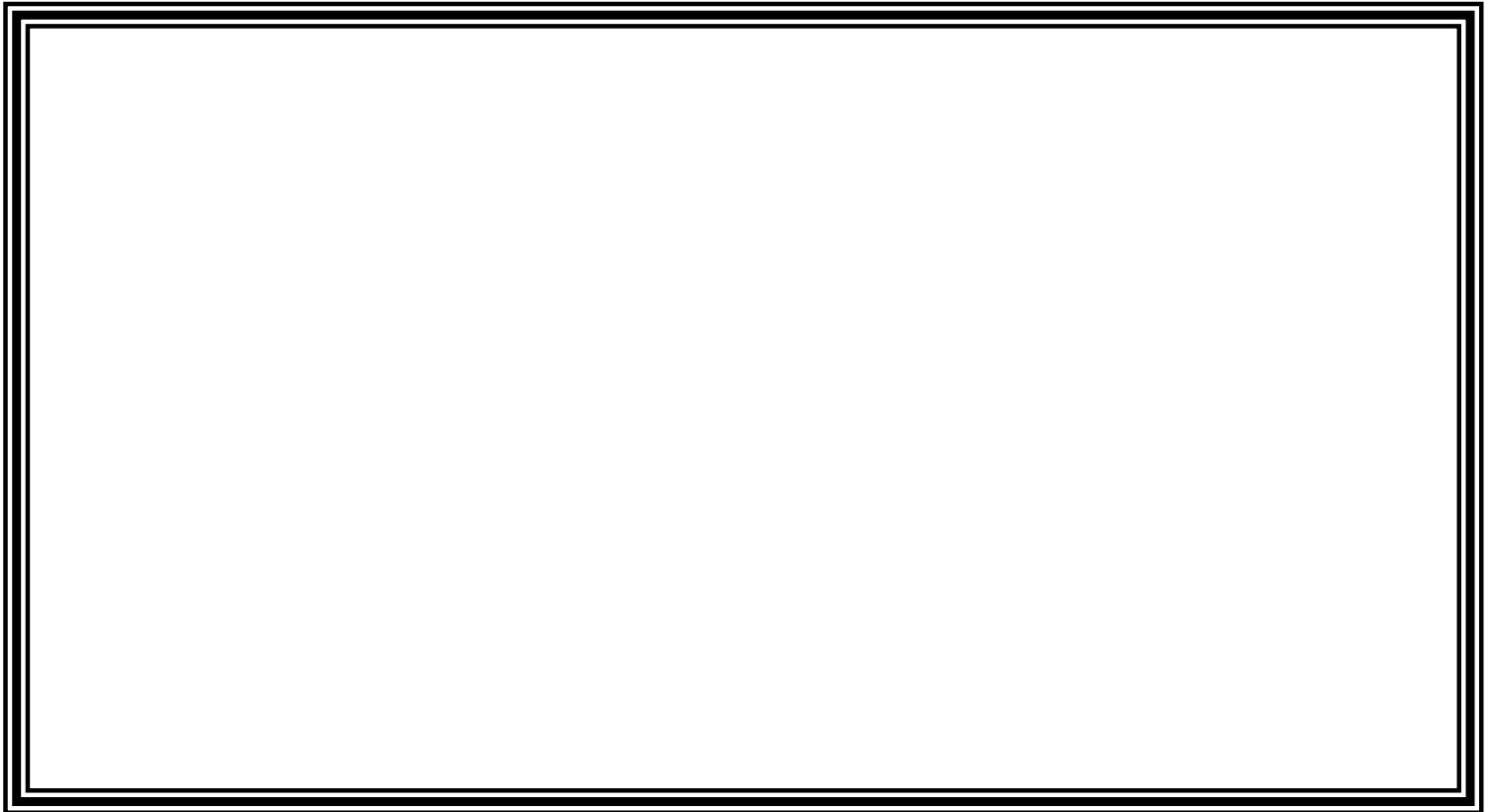
Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your favorite character: (name, physical appearance, and personality) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Directions:** Draw a picture in the above box that shows your favorite scene or event from the book.

Describe this event: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

1. Reread Chapter 2: Night Life in *The World According to Humphrey* looking and listening for **INTERESTING NOUNS**. A **noun** is a word used to name a person, animal, place, thing, or idea. As you reread, **circle 10 nouns** in that chapter that you think are especially interesting. Write an “N” above the circled word.

*Example:*

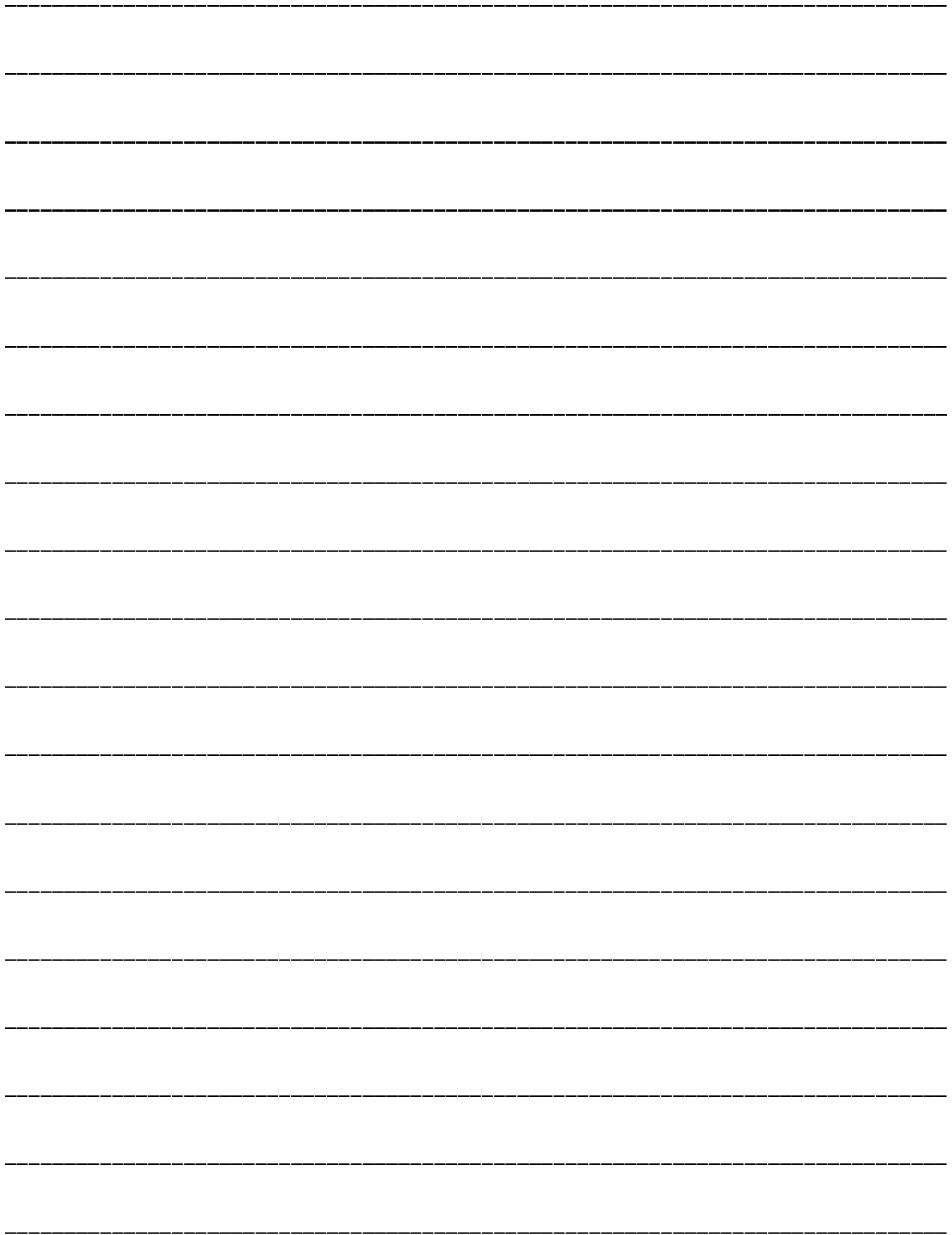
*Now, Ms. Mac was tall, wore bright blouses, short skirts and high shoes.*

2. Reread Chapter 4: The Most Important Man in the World in *The World According to Humphrey* looking and listening for **ACTION-PACKED VERBS**. A verb is a word that represents an action or a state of being. As you reread, **circle 10 verbs** in the chapter that you think are especially interesting. Write “V” above the circled word.

*Example:*

*At last, the bell rang and the students flew out of the door like a flock of homing pigeons in a movie Ms. Mac showed us.*





CHOICE Selection #2: \_\_\_\_\_

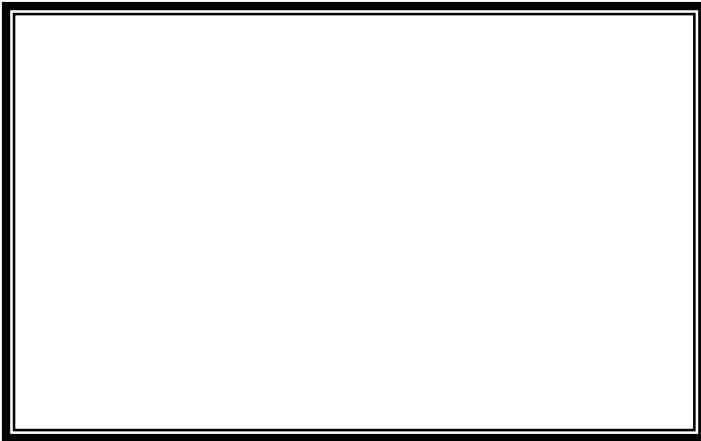
Author: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Choose an interesting character from your book. Imagine that YOU ARE THE CHARACTER and fill in the poster below. Use the information you know about the character to guess how he or she would fill in the blanks. Draw pictures in the boxes.

## Read All About \_\_\_\_\_!

(Character's Name)

This is what I look like:



Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level or occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone I admire: \_\_\_\_\_

Something I would change about myself:

\_\_\_\_\_

Special talent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Goal in life: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Corner of Favorites

Favorite food(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite movie: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite song: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite hobby: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A picture of my favorite person,  
place, or thing:

