Homework for September 26th, 2011 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Due October 3rd, 2011

Homework this week is a little different. ☺

1. If you can, bring in a newspaper to read with lemonade on Friday. If you have extra, please bring it for others.
2. Reading: One strategy to understanding what we read is to “RETELL.” Please read 15 minutes for 5 days. Each day, “retell” your story to an adult. Ask the adult to sign this page each time. You do not need to write the retelling. Remember, a good retelling for fiction includes the character names, character qualities, setting, and events. It should be told in sequence from beginning to end. Try to remember all the details, so the listener can imagine the story. If you read non-fiction, retell as many facts as you can. You don’t have to read a whole story to retell, just retell the part you read.

Reading Log

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1. Next Friday, October 7th, we will be celebrating “Absolutely True” stories about you, like the stories we read in, Gooney Bird Greene. That day, you will come to school dressed up like the character in your story (YOU! but with props and clothes from your story). So, your job this week is to write the first draft of that story. I will be modeling in class and you will be writing at home. My story will be called, “The Day We All Ate Worms!” Next week, we will revise and edit in class. Please write on the front and back of this page. Attach more paper if you need it. Here is a little summary for your families…

“Gooney Bird Greene arrives at Watertown Elementary School a month after school has started – wearing her pj’s and cowboy boots. That pretty much says it all. She arrives on her own, no parent or teacher to escort her into the room, a dictionary in hand and a claim that she is from China. Her first request is a seat in the middle of the room because, she says, “I like to be right smack in the middle of everything. Gooney is a good student who also happens to be mysterious and interesting. Her 2nd grade classmates are intrigued by her so when their class work focuses on storytelling, they request stories about Gooney. She loves being the center of attention and is happy to oblige. Throughout the book, Gooney tells stories filled with twists and turns, words with double meanings and clever tricks to keep the listener interested. She explains how her parents’ picked her name (another option was gazpacho banana), how she arrived from China by car (there is more than one China on the map) and how her pet, Catman, is consumed by a cow (as it turns out, not eaten by, but in love with the cow).”

My Writing Plan

Web for ideas…

Event in my life that I can write about… \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The part I can exaggerate or use with double-meanings to trick my reader and keep them interested… \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Possible titles…. “The Time….” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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