# RETHINKING SUMMER READING

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Our Journey from Ordinary to Outstanding



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#### Our Vision

To create a comprehensive summer program to combat all summer learning loss, encourage whole family involvement, and promote 21st century skills

# Prep Work

- Research, Research
  - Meeting with Director
  - Meeting with Assistant Principal
  - Attending Summer Reading
     Training
    - Meeting with Summer Learning "Committee"
    - Staff Meeting Discussions







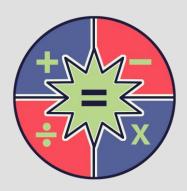
















#### Science Squad Leader

- Read a non-fiction book about a science or technology topic that interests you.
- Check out a science experiment book and pick an experiment to complete at home. Fill out an experiment sheet as you complete the process.
- Design your perfect robot. Draw a picture and write an explanation of its purpose.
- Attend any program, including lunch, and complete an experiment of S.T.E.A.M. project with us.
- On a clear night stargaze with your family. Draw what you see and label any constellations you find.



#### **Henry County Hero**

- Read a book about a community helper and write a thank you note to a helper in our community.
- Visit one of the parks in Henry County. Write a story or draw a picture about your adventure there.
- Create at least two bookmarks that the bookmobile librarians can distribute to the people and places they visit.
- Volunteer, donate to a local charity or do something nice for a neighbor or a friend.









### Other Popular Projects

- Tangrams (Math Madness)
- Read a book about farming and write a thank you note to a local farmer. (Green Go Getter)
- Complete the bean seed experiment (Green Go Getter)
- Make your own catapult (Champion of Creativity)
- Create a homemade musical instrument (Champion of Creativity)
- Made a bird feeder out of recycled materials
   (Champion of Creativity)











# **Bonus Badges**

#### What We Learned

- Staff Buy In is Important
- Parents Are a Much Harder
   Sell Than Staff
- Kids Like Seeing Their Work in the Library
- Community Involvement in Process is a Must



#### Year 2 Vision

To continue with a comprehensive summer program that includes whole family involvement, 21st century skills, and social and emotional learning











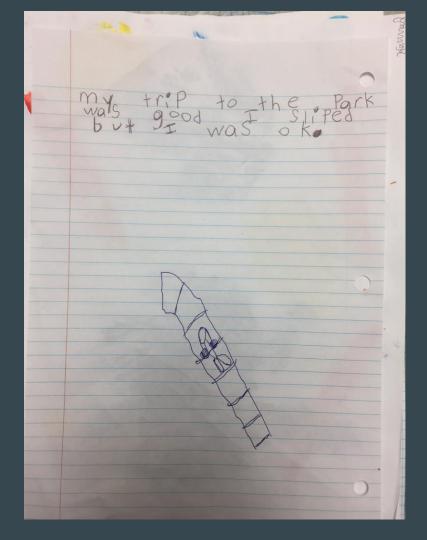












#### Popular Projects

- Study how air works by making your own balloon powered car. (Science Squad Leader)
- Create a chromatography butterfly. (Science Squad Leader)
- Be a hero and spread kindness through your community. Write or draw a picture about what you did. (Henry Co Hero)
- Make a variety of paper airplanes and compare them. (Excellence in Engineering)
- DIY Stress Ball (Master of Mindfulness)
- Complete the dancing food experiment. (Rock-n-Roller)
- Make your own puppet. (Storyteller)







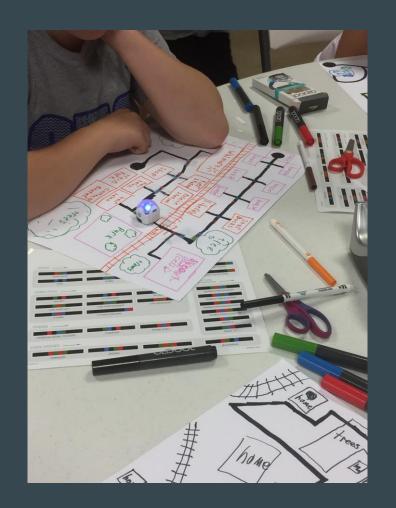




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### What We Learned

- PR should reflect badges
- Need to include more SEL activities
  - Community/Schoolinvolvement in planning year2 is just as important





## Where are we going?



