

test lover's book

Setting the foundation

Learning about Each Other: My Forever Book

As the year begins, I want to set the foundation for getting to know one another and setting the foundation for a routine of homework. In my class, our homework is reading for 30 minutes each night. I start day 1 with a fun homework assignment called "My Forever Book." This assignment is a great way for the student to get excited about learning and to share something about themselves with the class. Also, it leads to perfect read aloud books!

On the next page is a letter I send home to my classroom parents. Before I send the letter, I tell my class about my Forever Book and why it is a forever book to me. Then I read my Forever Book to my students and explain to them that they have homework tonight of needing to think about a book that they would consider their forever book and bring it in the following day to share with the class.

Note: If doing this homework activity at the beginning of the year does not work for you, I also have done it at the end of the year instead and it is a great way to close out the year!

My Forever Book

Homework

Dear Parent(s),

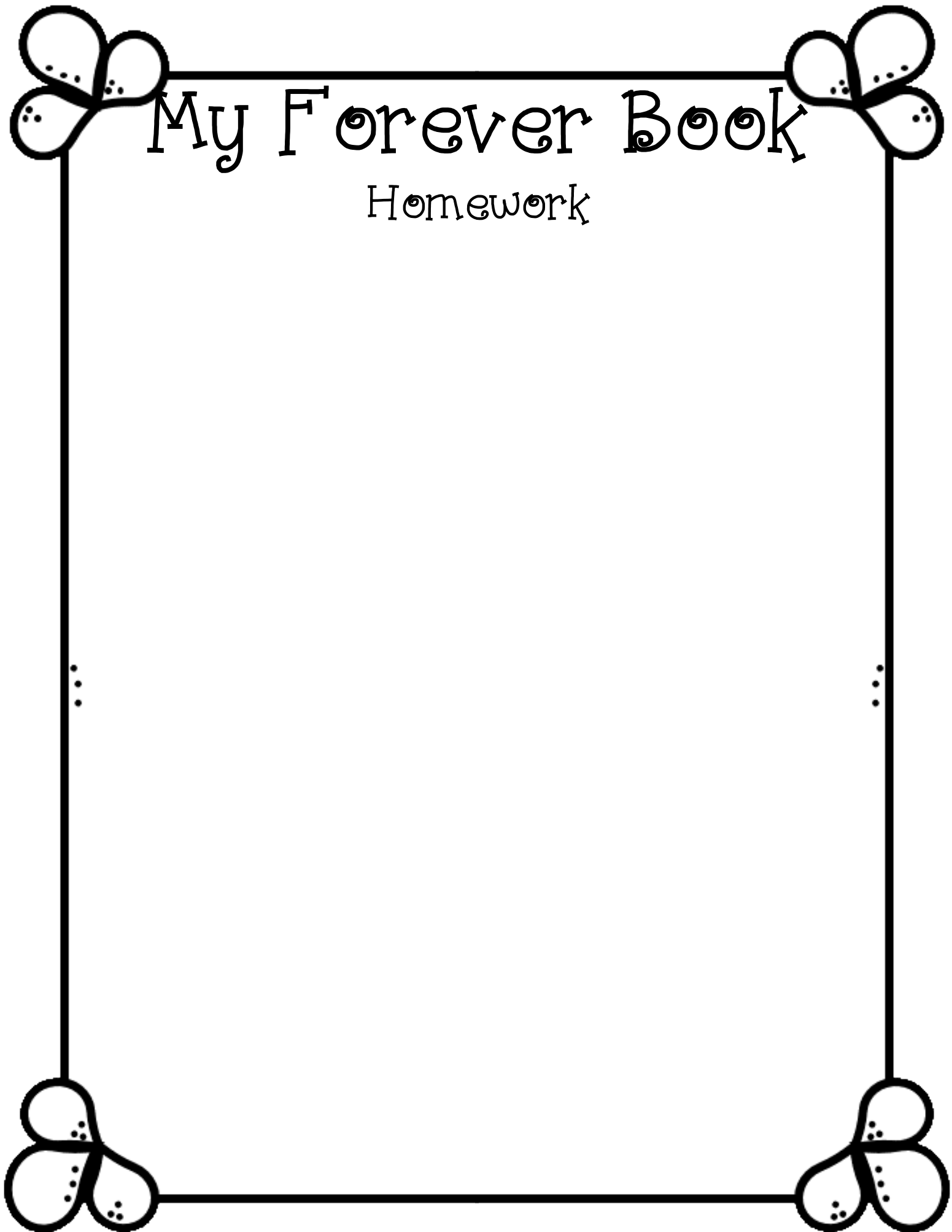
We had a wonderful first day of school today! During the day, we started to talk about our reading lives. I shared a book that is very special to me. I called my special book a Forever Book because I know that even though it may not look like much to someone else, I will always remember having it read to me by my dad (who also remembers!) Please ask your child to recall what my book was about and what special memories I had.

We discovered that many of us have Forever Books that make us think of special memories! Some books make us think of snuggling up with mom or dad for a bedtime story. Others remind us of a special holiday tradition or of a very special place in our house that we like to read. Often, a Forever Book is a book we have read many times.

For homework tonight, your child needs to think about his/her Forever Book. There may be more than one favorite, but he/she should choose only one to bring to school. Your child may also want to practice sharing why the chosen book is a Forever Book since we will be presenting the books to the class. If your child does not have a special book at home, I will help him/her find one in our classroom library.

Please send the book tomorrow. We will take very good care of the books and they will be sent home in about 2-3 weeks. **All books must be labeled with your child's name.**

Thank you so much for your support!!



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