

*NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES SCHOOL  
SWARTHMORE, PA*

June 2017

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents:

Summer is a great time to encourage your child to read. Each Third Grader is required to read "**Year of Billy Miller**" by Kevin Henkes and complete the attached book report on what they have read.

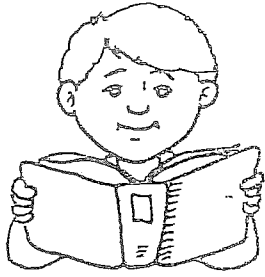
Also enclosed is a copy of the fable "**The Lion and the Mouse**" for each Third Grader to read and then answer the attached questions.

Both of these activities will be due on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Please remember that two of your child's 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Reading grades will be based on these Reading activities.

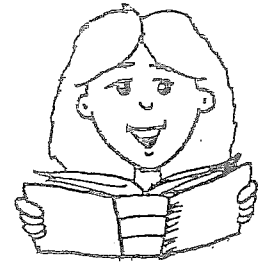
Thank you so much for your continued support and cooperation. **HAVE FUN READING!!!**

Sincerely,

Miss Cathleen Hodges



# Fiction Book Report



Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

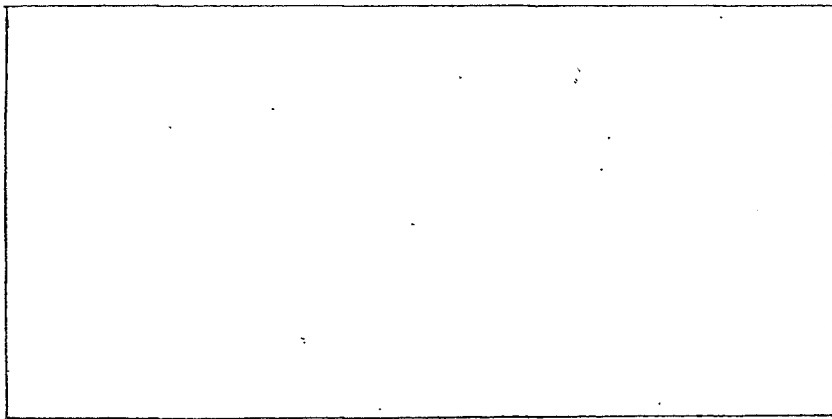
Describe where and when the story takes place. \_\_\_\_\_

Write a summary of the plot. (The main problem and how it was solved)

Describe your favorite character in the book. Tell why you like this character. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give an example from story as to why you like this character)

If you could change something about the book or the story, what would it be and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this book to a friend? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_



Draw a colorful picture of an important event in the book.  
Write a caption below. (Please color)

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**Brainwork!** If you were to take the part of a character in this book, whom would you choose and why?

## The Lion and the Mouse

Once a great lion lived in a forest. Each day he took a nap. The other animals were careful not to wake him because they were afraid of the lion. One day a little mouse saw the sleeping lion and jumped on its head.

The lion woke up and he was furious! He grabbed the mouse and said, "You have dared to wake a sleeping lion! I am king of this forest. You will pay with your life!"

The little mouse shook with fear. "Please, Your Highness, let me go. I am sorry I woke you, and I will not do it again. I will be your friend and maybe help you one day."

The lion began to laugh and laugh. "What a silly idea!" he said. "A mouse help a lion? What can you possibly do for me?" Since the mouse had made the lion laugh, the lion was in a good mood. "I will not eat you today," he told the mouse. "Next time I may not be so bighearted."

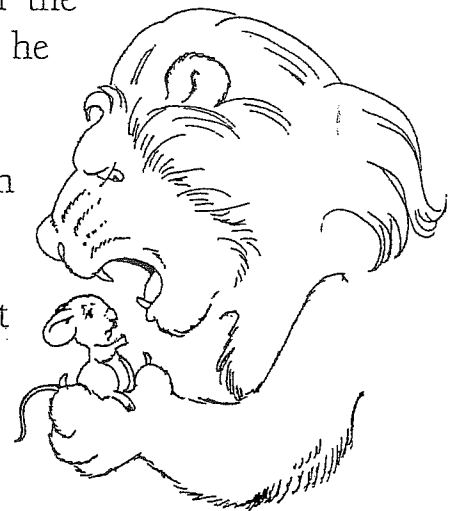
"Thank you," said the mouse. "You are very kind. I will always remember your kindness."

A few days passed. The lion went for a walk in his forest. A hunter had set a trap. Unfortunately, the lion walked into the trap. He could not get free. He roared in anger. His roar rumbled through the forest until the mouse heard his cry. The mouse searched until he found the lion.

"Stay still," said the mouse. The mouse began to chew the ropes. Soon the lion broke free.

"Thank you, friend," said the lion. "I did not believe that a small mouse could help me. But I was wrong. You have proved yourself."

**Moral:** No act of kindness is ever wasted.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Use what you read in the passage to answer the questions.

**1.** Reread the title. What does the title tell you about the story?

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**2.** Why does the mouse become scared of the lion?

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**3.** Does the mouse say he is sorry he woke up the lion?

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**4.** What lesson does the lion learn?

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**5.** What is the lion's problem when he "roared with anger"?

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**6.** Look back at the moral. What is it?

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**7.** What is the mouse's problem?

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**8.** This fable uses a writing tool called personification. Which characters were personified?

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