

New Paradigm for Education  
Daily Read & Respond Homework

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**  
**Week of: April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Genre: Literature – Poetry**

\*\*\*Please be advised we have aligned the genre for Read & Respond to match the genres reflected in the Achievement Network Test students will take at the end of Quarter #4. The genres for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Quarter #4 include: **Informational – Literary Nonfiction Linked Passage & Literature – Poetry.** \*\*\*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Minutes Read:</b> _____	<b>Listeners Initials:</b> _____	<b>Week of:</b> _____
<b>Title:</b>			
<b>Author:</b>			
What is the theme of this poem? Use evidence from the poem to support your answer. How does the author develop the theme throughout the poem?			

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Minutes Read:</b> _____	<b>Listeners Initials:</b> _____	<b>Week of:</b> _____
Identify and describe the meaning of figurative language used within the poem. Examples of figurative language could include: metaphors, similes, personification, etc. Use context from the poem to support your answer.			

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Minutes Read:</b> _____	<b>Listeners Initials:</b> _____	<b>Week of:</b> _____
Describe the mood of the poem. What expressive words does the author use to convey this mood to the reader? Support your answer with evidence from the text.			

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Minutes Read:</b> _____	<b>Listeners Initials:</b> _____	<b>Week of:</b> _____
<b>College Bound Questions:</b> At this point you have read the entire poem. Please complete the College Bound Section. Feel free to attach a separate piece of paper with your answers.			
1. What are three different reasons that the narrator loves summer best? Which one do you think she likes the most? Use specific examples from the poem.			
2. Looking at the words used in the poem, where do you think the narrator lives? Use specific examples from the story.			
3. What are the key understandings of this poem? How do you know? (Hint: think about the central theme AND what evidence from the passage supports this theme.)			



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**Knoxville, Tennessee**

By: Nikki Giovanni

I always like summer

best

you can eat fresh corn

from daddy's garden

and okra

and greens

and cabbage

and lots of

barbecue

and buttermilk

and homemade ice-cream

at the church picnic

and listen to

gospel music

outside

at the church

homecoming

and you go to the mountains

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your grandmother

and go barefooted

and be warm

all the time

not only when you go to bed

and sleep.

*Giovanni, Nikki. "Knoxville, Tennessee." Sing a Song of Popcorn: Every Child's Book of Poems. Selected by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers et al. Illustrated by Marcia Brown et al. New York: Scholastic, 1988. (1968)*