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Dear Parents,

As a member of 4-H in the classroom, your child will be doing a Dramatic Reading project in their class during the month of _____. Dramatic Reading meets several English SOLs and your child will receive a grade on this project. For this project your child needs to select a two to three minute passage from a favorite story or poem. Your child should practice reading the selection aloud using lots of expression.

To help your child prepare, consider these points:

❑ **Read two (2) to three (3) minutes**

You do not have to memorize what you read, but you should know it so well that you are comfortable. You can hold your book or place it on a stand.

❑ **Use lots of expression with your voice and body**

You can dress like a character from your reading if you like, but it is not required.

❑ **Tips for Dramatic Reading**

It is important to introduce yourself when beginning your reading. Always give your name, school and that you are a member of Floyd County 4-H. Make sure you introduce the title of your book with the author's name.

Example:

Hello my name is _____ I attend _____ school and I am a member of Floyd County 4-H. Today I will be reading from _____ by _____.

Then you can begin to read from your book. Remember you only have to read 2 to 3 minutes. Try to pick something exciting so your classmates will enjoy it. Always remember to say thank you for listening at the end.

The teacher will give a grade on the Dramatic Reading. Each student will receive a blue, red, or white 4-H ribbon.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

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