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Studentreasures Celebrates 14 Millionth Student-Published Author Milestone at Moore Elementary in Tennessee

More Than 500 Students at Moore Elementary Recognized for Publishing Their Own Books and are Automatically Entered into the National Book Challenge Contest for a Chance to Win \$5,000

TOPEKA, **Kan.**, **March 23**, **2018** — Today, as part of Studentreasures Publishing's 14 millionth published author celebration, more than 500 students at Moore Elementary in Franklin, Tenn. were recognized for writing, illustrating, and publishing their own books. Specifically, Mrs. Medders' firstgrade class was honored for publishing the company's actual 14 millionth student-authored book, "Invincible Grit," and awarded a \$1,000 grant as part of an all-school celebration.

These student authors are automatically entered into Studentreasures' <u>National Book</u> <u>Challenge</u>, the only student-publishing book contest in the nation, and will compete against schools across North America for a chance to win \$5,000.

"Today, we're celebrating these 500 students and their teachers for achieving something most people only dream of – publishing their own books. We're also celebrating publishing 14 million student-authored books since our beginning and recognize Mrs. Medders' super creative first-grade class for helping to reach this meaningful milestone," said Chad Zimmerman, president and chief executive officer, Studentreasures Publishing.

"Engaging students in the hands-on learning process of publishing their own books inspires a love of reading and writing, as well as great pride. We applaud these dedicated educators at Moore Elementary, along with 40,000 additional schools across the country, for incorporating student publishing as part of their classroom lessons year after year. We also wish the best of luck to the Moore Elementary students on their entry into the National Book Challenge and chance to win \$5,000

for their school!"

<u>Studentreasures</u>, which sparks kids' imagination through its free publishing program, has been encouraging young writers across the United States and Canada for more than 22 years.

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Named "best free school publishing program," Studentreasures has helped more than 350,000 teachers provide inspiring writing lessons and turn more than 14 million students into proud authors of their own beautiful books. With the goal of helping every child become a published author, this free program provides engaging, hands-on art and writing lessons – including <u>online publishing</u> – in classrooms across the United States and Canada. To <u>meet proud authors</u>, view sample books, and download <u>lesson plans</u>, visit Studentreasures' <u>Teacher's Lounge</u>.