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## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **EAST HERITAGE CELEBRATES “THE RELATIVES CAME”**

East Heritage third graders celebrate the beginning of a new school year and literacy with one of their favorite books, “The Relatives Came” by Cynthia Rylant. It is the story of a large rural Appalachian family that drives to visit relatives for the summer. There is plenty of love, sharing, lots of hugging, and sadness when the summer draws to an end and the relatives must leave.

As a surprise treat for the students, East Heritage third grade teachers invite the parents and families of East Heritage Elementary third graders for an afternoon of fun at school with their students. Parents and families are invited to bring a blanket, treats and other books as they enjoy an afternoon of reading, sharing and bonding just as the characters did in the book.

East Heritage Elementary Principal Damita Walton was excited about the event and shared, “This activity is a great kick off to start the beginning of school year as we celebrate literacy and the importance of family. It is a welcomed opportunity for our teachers and students to build on our home school connection with our East Heritage parent community!”

