EXHIBIT 19.4. Portfolio Directions

Semester Portfolio Project

Please answer these questions on a piece of lined paper. Write complete sentences.

1. Look through your portfolio at your evidence of reading. How many books did you finish this semester? How many pages are you reading each day? How have you improved as a reader this semester?
2. Look at your text logs. Choose two examples of your best text logs. Cut them out and glue them on your paper. Underneath each text log, explain why it is an example of your best work. Which reading strategies did you use? How does it show your understanding of the book?
3. What were the two books that you liked the most this semester? Please write at least two reasons why you liked each book.
4. Look at the writing you did this semester, especially your essays and longer writing pieces. Choose your best example and explain why it is your best. What did you learn by doing this piece of writing? What process did you use to complete this piece of writing? Please attach this writing piece to the back of your answers.
5. What would you like to improve (get better at) next semester and why?
6. Think about the kind of person, student, reader, and writer you were on the first day of school in September. Draw a picture of yourself then on one half of this paper. Then think about the kind of person, student, reader, and writer you are now. Draw a picture of yourself now on the other half of your paper. Write at least one sentence describing what your picture represents and why: I was _____ in September and now I'm _____ because _____.

Please attach your picture to the back of your answers.