Economics – ***The Florida Project*** Name:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **1. Who was your favorite character and why? Did you find yourself identifying more with the children or the adults?**
2. **2. The director, Sean Baker, used the term “hidden homelessness” to describe the experience of families in the film, who live week-to-week in budget motels. How does the stress of hidden homelessness affect the daily lives of the families in the film?**
3. **3. Have you witnessed poverty as a tourist? The film juxtaposes poverty against “the happiest place on earth.” How did this make you feel?**
4. **4. How does the location of the film, which largely takes place in motels along the road to Disney World, affect the narrative of the film and the character development?**
5. **5. The film showcases families experiencing homelessness in the Orlando, FL area. How are these issues relevant to your community at home?**
6. **6. How do the people who live in the Magic Castle motel and the neighboring Futureland Inn support each other? What are their challenges in creating community?**
7. **7. What do you think is Moonee’s perspective on her family’s financial situation? Does she know how much Halley is struggling to keep them housed? Should she know?**
8. **8. Did you sympathize with the struggles of Halley and Moonee? What do you think Halley’s “back story” might be that led them to this living situation?**
9. **9. What did the character of Bobby add to the movie? What role can caring adults play for children in unstable housing situations?**
10. **10. What were the moments of joy in the film and how did they affect you? What about moments of heartbreak?**
11. **11. How did you react to the last scene? What do you think might happen to Moonee after that scene?**