We hope that you had an enjoyable year in fourth grade, and that you will have a great summer! In order to prepare for a year filled with reading, the fifth grade teachers have planned an optional summer reading assignment that is due on the first day of school in September. Whether on the beach, beneath a shady tree, or on a place, please take this time enjoying yourself with the adventures of a new book.

We would like you to read at least one book this summer, but encourage you to read more. The selected book for fifth grade is Wonder by R.J. Palacio. This is a realistic fiction selection about a boy with severe facial abnormalities who starts school for the first time at age ten. Wonder can be found as an online book, at the library, or an audio book.

This book will fuel many discussions throughout the year on topics such as friendship and empathy. By reading one book, we can refer to this book all year when teaching skills and know that everyone has read it.

While reading Wonder, please answer the questions attached. Be sure to make this assignment, as well as reading in general, a priority for your child because only through sustained reading can you improve reading skills. We encourage you to read along with your children, and enjoy the rewarding conversations that usually follow from reading a good book.
Answer the questions below in complete sentences. You should answer the question after reading the chapter stated above the question.

Ordinary

How do August’s mom and dad view him?

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Why I Didn’t Go to School

Explain why August had not been to school before.

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How I Came to Life

Why was the night August came to life so funny?

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Christopher’s House

Do you think Auggie should go to school? Why or Why not?

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Driving

How do you think Auggie feels when his parents tell him about touring a school?

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Nice Mrs. Garcia

What happened in this chapter that Auggie has seen happen a million times before?

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Jack Will, Julian, & Charlotte

Why did Auggie grow his hair long last year?

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Home

Explain why Auggie felt a little happy and a little sad at the same time when he got home from the school.

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Around the Room

What two things does Julian share about himself?

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Lamb to the Slaughter

What second question did Julian ask Auggie? Do you think he was being mean?

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Summer Table

How do you think the “summer table” made Auggie feel?

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How did Summer treat Auggie during lunch? Does this surprise you?

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Jack Will

What did Jack Will think that Auggie should do when kids stare at him?

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Halloween

What does Summer like best about Auggie?

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The Cheese Touch
What does Auggie mean when he says, “I’m the old moldy cheese?”

Costumes
Why does Auggie like Halloween so much?

Before August
What was the first thing that Via said about Auggie?

Trick or Treat
What did Via convince Auggie to do?

Weird Kids
What nickname had everyone at Beecher Prep given August?

Warning: This Kid is Rated R
How did Summer’s mom react to August even after Summer had warned her?
The Egyptian Tomb

Do you think it was right for Summer to whisper, “bleeding scream” in Jack’s ear? Explain why or why not?

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Four Things

What were the four reasons why Jack likes August?

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Partners

What did Julian try to do when Jack was assigned to be August’s partner?

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The Bus Stop

What does Justin do the next time he sees Julian and the other boys?

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Hearing Brightly

What did Auggie expect would happen when he first showed up at school with his hearing aids?

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Understudy

Why do you think Via decided to let Auggie come to her high school play?

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Packing

What did Auggie pack at the bottom of his sleeping bag to comfort him if he couldn’t sleep?
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Alien

Who came to help Auggie and Jack when Eddie and his friends were being mean to them?
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Home

Do you think that Auggie’s mom is right when she says that there are more good people on this earth than bad people, and the good people watch out for each other? Why or Why not?
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The Walk Home

Is Auggie glad that his mom made him go to school? How has his life changed because of this decision?
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