



Fourth Grade Summer Reading

Book to Read: Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Dear Upcoming 4th Graders,

Our first unit in 4th grade will be focused on “Turning Points: What can we discover from new places and people?” We will begin our first unit with an excerpt from the chapter book, Because of Winn Dixie. To further our study of this, you will be required to read the full length chapter book, Because of Winn Dixie, this summer.

While you are reading this book, please keep in mind the activities that you will be required to complete:

1. Book Talk. As you are reading the book, think about important things from the book.

*** Collect your 4 different “props or things” during the summer while you are reading that are related to the book.
(Example: If you are reading a book about baseball or Jackie Robinson, one of your props could be a baseball.)**

*** Will everyone have the same “props?” Probably not- What one person thinks is important in the book may not necessarily be important to another person.**

**** Your teacher will supply you with a lunch bag on the first day of school. You will take the bag home and fill the bag with your 4 items. You are allowed to use one picture if you are unable to find a specific item that you really want to use. You may also create your objects from materials you have at home.
Remember: All items should fit IN the bag.**

**** The outside of the bag should include title, author, and your name. The other side should include a brief summary of the book.**

******* For the oral presentation, you will pull out one prop at a time and discuss its significance in the story. That means you should know about the items you choose. Then you will share your summary of the story.**

The BAG AND PROPS, along with the assignment for the outside of the bag, should be completed and returned on Day 2 of school.

*** Your book talk will be graded according to the attached “Oral Presentation Rubric.” (See attachment)**

2. Upon completing the “Book Talk” at school, you will be divided into a group at school to complete a “Character Analysis” of one of the characters in the book. Each group will work on a different character.

3. After the completion of the first week of school and the study of Because of Winn Dixie, you should be prepared to take an Accelerated Reading test on the book.



If you have any questions, please call the school at 662-534-1840. We look forward to seeing you in August.

Fourth Grade Teachers