

June, 2021

Dear Parents and Incoming Sixth Grade Students,

These are the summer reading requirements for students entering sixth grade in September. This will be your first graded assignment, so you need to do your best. The work must be submitted on the first day of school.

**All students must read the novel Wonder by R. J. Palacio and complete the attached questions.**

Students must then select a **second book** from the list below. You will receive an assignment to complete for this novel when you return to school, so you should take notes as you read.

Students may choose their second book from this list:

Hoot – Hiaasen

Wish Girl – Loftin

Hatchet – Paulsen

Holes – Sachar

The One and Only Ivan – Applegate

Travel Team – Lupica

Please ensure that your child accesses the NEW Google Classroom in order to complete and view assignments. He or she will need to submit assignments through the new Google Classroom link.

Access code to the new Google Classroom is: bu7m464

Have a great summer, and remember to READ, READ, READ!!!!

## QUESTIONS FOR WONDER

As you read the novel, please stop after each bolded section and answer the questions. Your response should restate the question and be answered in full sentences. Remember to include details from the novel to support your answer.

### **Part One – August**

Pages 3-23

1. Why do people look quickly away when they first see August?
2. In this section August discusses the issue of going to school. Why has he never gone to school? Do you think he should?

Pages 24-42

3. August goes on a tour of the school and meets three students. In your opinion, which one is likely to be a bully?
4. How would you describe the other students' reactions to August in homeroom?

Pages 42-60

5. What does September's precept, "When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind," mean?
6. Why does August use a simile to compare himself and Summer to "Beauty and the Beast"?

Pages 61-80

7. Why is Halloween a positive thing for August?
8. What were Jack and Julian talking about?

## **Part Two – Via**

Pages 81-99

9. Do you think Via is jealous of all the attention August gets?
10. Did Via have a good first day of high school?

Pages 100-117

11. Who is Miranda and why did she call?
12. August decided to change his costume. How do you think his mom reacted to this?

## **Part Three – Summer**

Pages 118-132

13. Would you describe Summer as a good person? Why or why not?
14. Do you think Summer thinks Jack is a good friend?

Pages 133-150

15. Jack seems to struggle with how he feels about August. What are the positive and negative reasons he gives about being ex-friends with him?
16. Who says, “Sometimes you don’t have to mean to hurt someone to hurt them,” and what does he or she mean by that?

Pages 151-185

17. Someone did something to the class picture. Who did it and what character traits does it show about that person?
18. What is the war that is beginning? What role does Julian play in it?

## **Part Five – Justin**

Pages 186-204

19. While at dinner Justin has a lot of tics. What are tics and why do they stop?
20. Justin and Olivia are in a play, but Olivia (Via) has not told her parents about it yet. Why do you think she hasn't told them?

## **Part Six – August**

Pages 205-234

21. August gets hearing aids in this section. How does he feel about them in the beginning of this section and again towards the end of this section?
22. Daisy is August's dog, and he has been sick for a while. Why hasn't August noticed this?

## **Part Seven – Miranda**

Pages 235-248

23. Miranda and Via used to be good friends. Why did their relationship change? What does Miranda miss about having Via as a friend?
24. Miranda pretends to be sick on opening night. In your opinion, why do you think she did that? Remember to support this answer with story details.

## **Part Eight – August**

1. How does August feel about going on the Fifth Grade Nature Retreat?
2. Jack and August find themselves in trouble. What is the trouble and who helps them?

Pages 271-309

3. August lies to the teachers about not being able to remember the seventh graders' faces. Why do you think he did this?

4. What animal does August use to represent himself? Do you think it is a good choice?
5. There is a ceremony at school. What happens at the ceremony that shows a change from the beginning to the end of the school year?
6. Mr. Tushman says, "Always try to be a little kinder than necessary." What does that mean to you? In your opinion which character shows this the best? Why?