



Hello Future Fourth Graders (and Families),

We are so excited that you will be in our classes next year! Over the summer, there are a few things we need you to do. These will help you be ready for fourth grade when we start school.

1. Everyone is going to read the book Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo.
2. Complete the activity for the book and bring it on the first day of school. We will be using this in class, and it will be your first reading grade.
3. Keep track of what other books you read- this will be passed in on the first day of school and will help us get to know you better as a reader. Pick books that interest you and that are at your level- don't make them too easy or too hard!
4. Complete your math packet (work on it a little bit every week)- this will be your first math grade.
5. Practice your multiplication facts. They will be very important this year so working with them over the summer is going to be vital. You can do this with flashcards, online, or on apps (or however else works for you).

Make sure you have a lot of fun, and rest and relax with your family. We can't wait to hear all about your summers and get to know you all better when school starts!

Love,

Miss Alboth and Mrs. Desmond





## Suggested books/authors

\*These are not the only books you can read, but some ideas to get you started. Make sure that whatever books you choose, they are right for you- they interest you, and they aren't too hard or too easy. The important thing is to keep reading over the summer!\*

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Matt Christopher- sports books

Beverly Cleary- any book

Andrew Clements- any book

Roald Dahl- any book

Kate DiCamillo- any book

Bunnicula series by James Howe

Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

39 Clues by Rick Riordan and others

Wayside School series by Louis Sachar

I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis and others

If You Lived in the Time of... Various authors



## Summer Book Log

Title of book	Author	# of pages	Rating (1-5 stars)

\* 1 star=bad, 2 stars= pretty bad, 3 stars= pretty good, 4 stars= really good, 5 stars= great, one of the best books you've ever read!

\* If you need more space, use a piece of lined paper to keep track of the books you read

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Summer Reading Activity

After reading Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo, complete this activity. Make sure to bring it with you on the first day of school.

- 1) Who was your favorite character? Why are they your favorite? Give at least 2 reasons why.

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- 2) Opal asks her dad to tell her 10 things about her mother. What are 10 things we need to know about you?

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3) Why do you think Kate DiCamillo decided to call this book Because of Winn-Dixie? Give at least 2 examples from the book that support your reason.

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4) What was your favorite part of the story? Retell it in your own words.

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5) On a separate piece of paper, draw and color a picture of your favorite part of the story. Make sure to include all the characters and a background.