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CHCA Upper Elementary School 5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

The following text is to be used for the summer reading assignment:

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

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Dear Student and Parent(s):

In fifth grade we learn how to annotate a novel for rich understanding of the plot, building depth in character development, and enhancing vocabulary enrichment. One aspect of annotating is collecting important facts from each chapter; therefore, students will begin the annotation process this summer using the summer novel, *Because of Winn Dixie*. Annotating a novel involves having a conversation with the characters in the novel as well as making predictions and connections while we are reading. How do we “talk” to our novels? We write in them. Thus, students will be writing/annotating IN their summer book *Because of Winn Dixie*.

Directions:

After reading each chapter in *Because of Winn Dixie* ask the following question:

What happened in this chapter?

Then, in the blank space at the end of each chapter, write two sentences that answer this aforementioned question.

*For example, after reading “Chapter One” write answers such as the following two sentences:
(Hint: You may use these two sentences for “Chapter One.”)*

- 1. We meet our main characters India Opal Buloni and Winn-Dixie.*
- 2. We find out that our characters meet in a grocery store.*

Please bring your annotated novel with you on the first day of school.

Happy Reading and Happy Summer!

Your Fifth Grade Language Arts Teachers