

SUMMER MATH/READING EXPECTATIONS

May 2021

Dear Parents,

Did you know that over the summer vacation students can lose up to 80% of what they learned during the school year? Blessed Sacrament School has developed Summer Expectations in the areas of Reading and Math to help bridge the gap during the summer.

Math Expectations for Rising Kindergarten through 8th Graders:

Students are required to complete *Summer Solutions* book.

- *Summer Solutions* books are designed to revisit skills and concepts that have already been introduced. The purpose is to allow your child to retain what was taught over the past year and in previous years.

(See attached details.)

The cost of \$15.00 per book will be deducted from FACTS.

Reading Expectations:

Students are required to complete their grade level *Summer Reading* and project before the first day of school, August 9. Attached you will find your child's reading requirements.

We appreciate your support and are confident that Blessed Sacrament School's children will benefit from this wonderful opportunity.

Math Requirements for Rising K – 8th graders *Summer Solutions*

Students will complete *Summer Solutions* and turn it in on the first day of school, **August 9**. Summer Solution books are designed to be used three times per week during the 10- week break.

Completion of the book will be taken as a **quiz grade** with the following taken into account:

- All work must be shown in the space provided on each page
- All work must be **completed in pencil**

Grading Rubric:

30 pages completed = 100

25-29 pages completed = 94

20-24 pages completed = 90

15-19 pages completed = 80

10-14 pages completed = 70

0-9 pages completed = 60

An **assessment** will be given to the students during the **first week of school** following the same format of practice in *Summer Solutions* and taken as a quiz grade.

Guided help pages can be found in the back of *Simple Solutions*.

Additional resources may be found at:

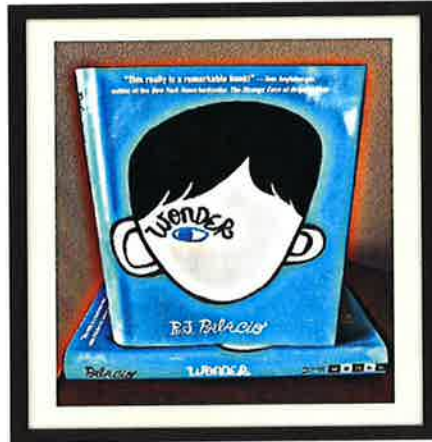
www.khanacademy.com

www.artofproblemsolving.com

www.wyzant.com

www.patrickjmt.com

Required Summer Reading Rising 5th Grade Students

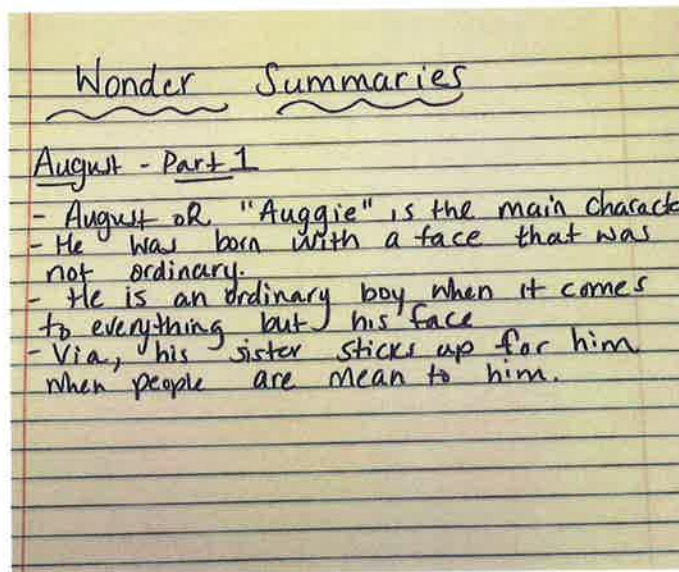


1. *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

a. summarize each section of the book including:

- section title
- plot (including new characters, important events, feelings, opinions, etc.)

Example of what the summaries of each section should look like:



Be prepared to test on the novel *Wonder* during the first week of school.

2. Choose one *Book of Choice* from the following list of books

- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by W. Rawls
- *The BFG* by Roal Dahl
- *Souder* by W.H. Armstrong
- *I Am the Ice Worm* by MayAnn Easley
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by N. Juster
- *The Swiss Family Robinson*-J.D. Wyss
- *A Wrinkle In Time*-by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Black Beauty*-Anna Sewell

Complete one project from the choices below.

Projects are due the first day of school, August 9.

Project Options for *Book of Choice*:

1. Write or type a one page alternative ending for the book. The ending must be an alternative ending that makes sense.
2. Write or type a sequel to your book. This can be done even if there is presently a sequel, but it must be your OWN sequel that you make up. The minimum amount should be one page.
3. Complete a Diary of a Character- example:
 - a. What would Sophie in *The BFG* write in a journal every day? Students must have at least five, one-page diary entries. They may add an illustration as well.
4. Write a book review-
 - a. Minimum of one page (typed or written)
 - i. include what happens in the plot
 - ii. how you would rate it
 - iii. would you recommend it, why or why not
5. Write a letter to the author (one page minimum)
 - a. Ask questions to the author
 - b. Share reflections or comments about the book.
 - i. reflections may include questions about why the author chose to write the ending; was there a personal experience in the book, etc.