

Summer Reading
Students Entering Grade 6
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

*"They say I must be one of the wonders
Of God's own creation." Natalie Merchant*

Before You Read

Watch Youtube Video interview with author R. J. Palacio:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUUtGHhy41Q>

While You Read

***Wonder* has several themes. Choose one of the themes listed below and answer the questions for your chosen theme. This can be typed or handwritten. Your response should be at least 3 well developed paragraphs.**

1. Family Relationships

Paragraph 1- How does Via react to Auggie's deformity, and how is she affected?

Paragraph 2- She says, "I'm always going to be the sister of a kid with a birth defect; that's not the issue. I just don't always want to be defined that way." (91)

What does she mean by this statement?

Paragraph 3- Why do you think R.J. Palacio included the character Via in *Wonder*?

2. Friendship

Paragraph 1- Discuss the characteristics of a good friend.

Paragraph 2- Which of Auggie's friends demonstrates these qualities?

Paragraph 3- What characteristics of a good friend does Auggie possess?

3. Bullying - Kids who are different are sometimes bullied in some way.

Paragraph 1- In what ways does Julian bully Auggie?

Paragraph 2- What power does Julian have to force the other students to join in his cruelty toward Auggie and Jack? What is Auggie's response to the bullying?

Paragraph 3- What message is the author relaying?

Bring your copy of *Wonder* to class the first day of school. The class will complete "After Reading" activities in school.

Choose one other book to read from the list below. Be prepared to create a plot diagram when you return to school.

Title	Author	Genre
<i>So Be It</i>	Sara Weeks	Realistic Fiction
<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>	C.S. Lewis	Fantasy/Classic
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Rita Williams-Garcia	Historical Fiction
<i>Savvy</i>	Ingrid Law	Science Fiction
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen	Adventure
<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Jerry Spinelli	Fiction
<i>Smile</i>	Raina Telgemeier	Graphic Novel/Autobiographical