

# Incoming Grade 5

## Summer Assignments

Dear Incoming Fifth-Graders,

Congratulations! We are so pleased that we will be welcoming you to the fifth grade in September. We know it will be an outstanding year, full of laughter and learning. We also know that fifth grade probably isn't on your mind quite yet, after all, summer vacation is just beginning!

As teachers, we know that summer is a perfect time to relax. In typical summers, you would probably travel, go to camp, and have grand adventures. We hope you get to do some of that this summer too! But summer is also a wonderful time to read all of those books you don't have time to read during the school year. For your summer assignment, we would like you to read a minimum of five chapter books. The first book, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, is one that every fifth-grader will be reading. You can find a copy of this book, published by Random House Children's Books in 2012, at almost any area bookstore or library, or you can download it onto a Nook, Kindle, or iPad. Please come in August with a copy/download of the book and be ready to talk about it.

We would also like you to write about a second book of your choice. Make sure it's a book that you are really interested in reading. It can be fiction, or a biography, but it should be appropriate for your reading level. You can check Rashi's recommended summer reading list for ideas at [www.rashi.org/summer-reading](http://www.rashi.org/summer-reading). After you finish the book, please complete the following assignment to be given to your teachers on the first day of school:

Write a 2-paragraph letter to your teachers about your book.

- a. In the **first paragraph** you will write a brief summary of the book. A 5<sup>th</sup> Grade paragraph is 5 – 7 sentences.
- b. In the **second paragraph**, you may choose to write your opinion of the book, a description of one of the main characters in the book, or any connections you have to the characters or story. This paragraph should also be 5 – 7 sentences.

Please keep a list of the remaining books you have read to share with us on the first day of school. We hope you will have a marvelous summer and we look forward to learning with you in August.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Team