

June 2018

Dear Fifth Graders and Families,

It has been such a super year for everyone! I feel so blessed that I get to teach you and watch you grow for one more year in Grade 5. Remember, reading over the summer will help to prevent "summer slide." Studies have shown that when students do not read over the summer break, they lose much of what they have learned during the academic year.

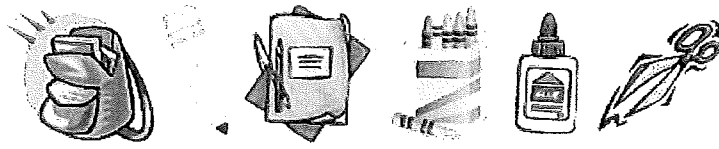
Each student will complete the following assignments:

1. Read Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. Complete the attached forms as you read. Please make sure to follow all directions, do your best work in CURSIVE, and follow all Grammar and Spelling rules. Make sure you bring the book with you on the first day of school.
***There will be a TEST on the book on Friday, September 7th.
2. Read any other book of your choice. Read what YOU love. Be prepared to complete a BOOK REVIEW when we return in September. You will need this book in school too.

You all know how much I love to read. I am hoping that you will enjoy Because of Winn Dixie as much as I do!

Have a wonderful summer. I will certainly miss you all very much!

Mrs. Sammons



FIFTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2- 12 packs of pencils (already sharpened)
- 2- Pink or gum erasers
- 1- 12pk blue or black pens (no other colors please)
- 2- red pens
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- 24pk of crayons
- 2-glue sticks
- Scissors
- Large soft zippered pencil case
- 1 pk. of wide ruled loose leaf paper with reinforced edges- Five Star brand
- 1- ream of paper
- 4- folders- we will label in class
- 2- Marble composition notebooks. Please label: Math Journal, Spanish/Music
- 1 Marble Composition notebook labeled- Writer's Notebook. It may be decorated.
(I've explained this to the class.)
- 3pks- index cards
- 2- 2 inch, 3 ring binder filled with wide ruled loose leaf paper and
Divider Tabs- preferably with pockets. (Please have binder set up)
- Ear buds in ziplock bag labeled with student's name
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 1 box of unscented baby wipes
- 1 Container of Clorox Wipes

*Replacement supplies may be requested during the year as needed.
Please have all supplies out of their packages and in the pencil case.*

Sketch book for art

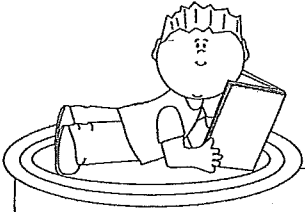
Name _____

Because of Winn-Dixie: Character Notes

Use this page to take notes about the major characters in the story.

<u>Opal</u>	<u>The Preacher</u>	<u>Opal's Mama</u>
<u>Miss Franny Block</u>	<u>Otis</u>	<u>Sweetie Pie</u>
<u>Amanda</u>	<u>Gloria Dump</u>	<u>The Dewberry Boys</u>

Name _____



First Impressions

Before opening this book, let's see what you can learn from the cover. What do you notice?

❖ _____ ❖ _____

❖ _____ ❖ _____

Prediction: What do you think this story is about?

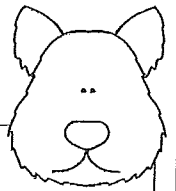
Make a Connection: The author is Kate DiCamillo. What other stories do you know by this author? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ22JDPvg5M)

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Building Background: The main character is ten year old India Opal Buloni who just moved to a new town with her father. What might she be feeling?

Name _____

Digging Deeper



Directions: Complete this page after reading Chapter 2

Genre: What is the genre of this story?

Comprehension: This chapter starts by explaining the character's nicknames.

What does India Opal call her father? _____ Why?

What does the father call his daughter? _____ How did she get that name?

Word Work: What does the word **exception** mean in the sentence, Mr. Alfred called me "an exception?" _____

Opal calls the dog a **Less Fortunate**. What does that term mean?

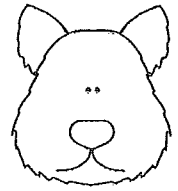
Metaphors: Opal describes her father as **a turtle hiding inside its shell**. What does he do to make her think that? _____

Comprehension: Explain how the preacher first feels about keeping Winn Dixie.

How does he feel about the dog at the end of the chapter?

Name _____

Digging Deeper



Directions: Complete this page after reading Chapter 8

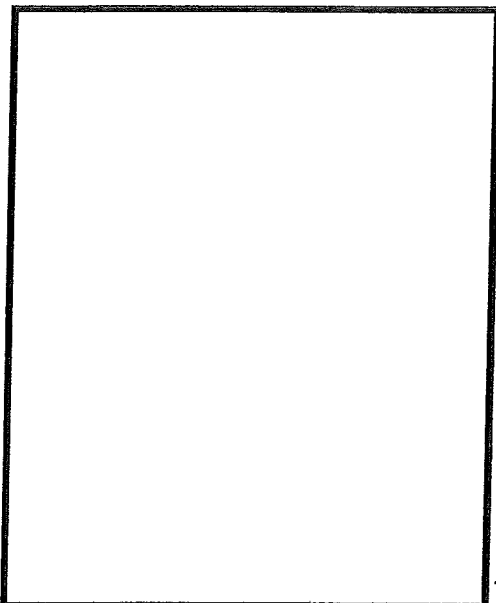
Summarize: Explain Opal's idea of how to pay for a collar and leash for Winn Dixie. _____

Explain: What is an installment plan? _____

Characters: Who is Gertrude? _____

Draw a Conclusion: What made Otis change his mind about hiring Opal? _____

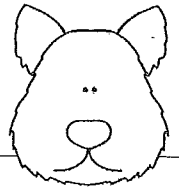
Create a mental image: If you were the illustrator for this book, what would Sweetie Pie Thomas look like? Draw in the box.



Summarize: Why was Opal happy at the end of this chapter? _____

Name _____

Digging Deeper



Directions: Complete this page after reading Chapter 17

Retelling: What did Littmus do after he returned home from the war?

Explain: What did the Littmus Lozenge taste like? _____

Draw a Conclusion: What was the "secret ingredient"? _____

Why **can't** most children taste it? _____

So why **can** Opal and Amanda taste it? _____

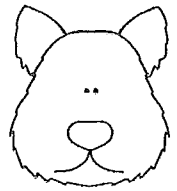
Recalling Details: What were the three sad things Opal listed?

Make a Prediction: Who do you think Carson is? _____

_____ What do you think happened to him?

Name _____

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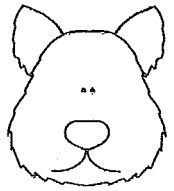
Directions: Complete this page after reading Chapter 21

Draw a Conclusion: This chapter is all about a bunch of strangers arriving at Gloria's house for a party. What was the one thing they all had in common? _____

Mental Image: Make a detailed illustration of what you imagined as you read chapter 21.

Name _____

Digging Deeper



Directions: Complete this page after reading Chapter 26

10 Things Opal Learned About Life

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

9) _____

10) _____

