

Dear BACS Incoming Sixth Grade Parents and Students:

The elementary teachers, in conjunction with administration, have selected a summer reading book for students entering sixth grade.

Each student who is enrolling in sixth grade for the 2019-2020 school year is assigned a book, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio (ISBN: 978-0375869020) during the summer. This book was chosen because of the impact we believe it will have on the lives of our students this upcoming school year. We encourage you to discuss the novel with your child and keep him or her motivated to complete the book before the school year begins.

The reflection assignment should be completed and brought to school the first week of school (see questions with this document). Furthermore, your child will participate in class discussions, assignments, and assessments related to the novel during the first weeks back at school. Therefore, in order to participate in meaningful instruction, it is necessary for your student to have completed the summer reading assignment.

We are eager to build our program and engage our students in good reading. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Respectfully,

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6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

After reading the novel *Trouble at Silver Pines Inn*, answer the following questions using complete sentences, correct punctuation, and text evidence (chapter or page number).

1. Title:
2. Author:
3. What is the author's purpose for writing the book?
4. What is the tone of the speaker?
5. From what point of view is the story written?
6. What is the setting (time and place)?
7. Who is the protagonist?

8. Who is the antagonist?
9. What is the conflict in the story?
10. What is the resolution or how is the conflict resolved?
11. Describe an event from the story that demonstrates cause and effect.
12. Theme: What message is the author trying to get across?
13. Explain the following quote Mr. Tushman made in the chapter entitled "A Simple Thing":

"If every single person in this room made it a rule that wherever you are, whenever you can, you will try to act a little kinder than is necessary—the world really would be a better place. And if you do this, if you act just a little kinder than is necessary, someone else, somewhere, someday, may recognize in you, in every single one of you, the face of God." (p. 301)

Summer Reading Definitions

Setting-time and place of the action; creates a feeling, mood, or atmosphere

Author's Purpose-the reason the author wrote the story or the text

Point of View-the perspective from which a story or event is told (1st person or 3rd person)

Protagonist-the main character in a literary work

Antagonist-a character or force in conflict with a main character or protagonist

Plot-sequence of events or action in a literary work

Conflict-a struggle between opposing forces; causes the action (external conflict-outside source; internal conflict-within the mind of the character)

Resolution-falling action or end of the central conflict; follows the climax of the story

Tone-the attitude of the author or speaker toward the subject of the passage

Characterization-analysis (or description) of people or animals that take part in the action of a literary work

Cause/Effect-a relationship between events and circumstances that bring about a result