

Summer Reading Choices

All synopses from www.amazon.com except as noted.

For Incoming Sixth Graders

Choose ONE of the following books for your summer reading:

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (choice for all levels)

Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

Wonder by R. J. Palacio (choice for all levels)

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *WONDER*, now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

Students will work with the summer reading titles in the first month of school. They will take a quiz over the novel, which will count for twenty points, and complete a literary analysis activity, which will count for thirty points. The summer reading titles may also be referenced throughout the year as students review literary elements and read other novels in class.