



Cardinal Hickey Academy

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2015 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



Welcome incoming 5th graders!

June 2, 2017

I hope you have a summer filled with wonder. Take time to pause and watch the world around you. That alone is a form of prayer. When you are not swimming, running, laughing, screaming, eating or sleeping, how about reading? You are to read 2 books for me this summer: one book of your choice (must be age appropriate) and the other is a required book.

The required book is **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. Students will discuss this book upon their return to school and will be tested on their comprehension of this book.

The **2nd book** will be a book of your choice. Make sure the book is age appropriate. Visit your local library for a list of suggestions. Upon completion of this book, students will complete the following postcard assignment.

Literary Postcard

1. Read the entire book you have chosen.
2. Create a postcard (card stock) *approximately* 6 in. wide and 8 in. long.
3. Correctly address the postcard to Mrs. Boone and include the school address (1601 West Mt. Harmony Rd. Owings, MD 20736).
4. Draw a stamp in the proper place with a picture and price that reflects the book's theme.
5. In your message to me **include the title and the author, describe the main conflict in the story and one lesson you could learn from the story (apply it to your life) and whether or not you would recommend the book (explain why).** *Follow rubric on back!
6. Use complete sentences when you write and make it feel like an actual letter. Include the date, a closing (ex. "Sincerely") and your signature.
7. On the flipside of the postcard, design an illustration that would clearly give a visual clue of the book. Include the title of the book in neat lettering. Consider block or bubble lettering. No stick people are permitted and your illustration should be *filled with a colorful background*.

*Assignment will be due on the first full day of school.

Math: I have highlighted the star next to all the assigned summer work on www.ixl.com/signin/cha in 4th grade math. Make sure to login each time you complete any work. There are 25 assignments, each worth 4 points. Please complete each assignment to **80%** in order to receive full credit. This summer assignment is worth a 100-point grade in the 1st quarter.

Have a delightful summer! ---Mrs. Boone

Postcard Rubric

Necessary components	Point value	Your points
Postcard is on cardstock and is the correct size	2	
Date is included	1	
Greeting	1	
Title is included (underlined and proper capitalization)	2	
Author	1	
Written in postcard format	2	
Describes conflict	2	
Describes a lesson learned & how it applies to their life	2	
Recommendation of book with brief explanation	2	
Complete sentences/correct spelling & punctuation	3	
Closing & signature	2	
Stamp reflects theme & includes price	2	
Address is correctly written	1	
Writing is neat and in cursive	2	
Illustration fills space & includes title	2	
Illustration enhances reader's interest or understanding	2	
Colored neatly	1	
TOTAL POINTS	30	

