

Welcome to fifth grade!

Guess what? We at WCA are excited about what is ahead for you. As we look at the summer, we hope your summer includes some indoor and outdoor adventures as well as plenty of friend time and some individual activities.

Here is something we would like you to do this summer. READ! Specifically read the book Wonder by R. J. Palacio. After you read the book, complete the following activities and bring them to school on the first day. Beginning the first week of school, we will be doing activities as a class with this book.

You can read the book or have someone read it to you.

<https://www.amazon.com/Wonder-R-J-Palacio/dp/0375869026>

In the book, the English teacher, Mr. Browne, has a different precept each month. At the end of the school year, he asks his students to write him a postcard with the precept they have chosen for themselves on it.

Your summer assignments to bring to school in August:

*First, write your own **precept**. Give it some thought and have some fun! Then write **1-3 paragraphs** that explain why you chose this precept and give examples of how you wish to live it. When we are back in school, we will create precept postcards.

August's fifth grade class drew self-portraits as animals for art class.

*Draw an **animal self-portrait**. Draw your (human) shoulders facing forward with an animal head on top, looking directly at the viewer. You may add glasses, earrings or a hat to give your animal a more human touch. *Use the included paper with the frame or design your own frame on regular copy paper.* On a separate sheet of paper, write **1-3 paragraphs** explaining why you chose this animal. What characteristics does it have that are similar to you? What characteristics does it have that you would like to develop in yourself?

Bring your finished work to class in August, and we will share, laugh and learn from each other!

1. Precept and 1-3 paragraphs explaining your words
2. Animal self-portrait and 1-3 paragraphs explaining your choice

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