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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Incoming fifth grade students will be required to read the following books:

1. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
2. Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

The children will be writing a book report on the Winn Dixie book during the first three weeks of school. Please do not write the report over the summer as there is a specific format we use for reports. We will use The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe as a point of discussion for the introduction of literary terms. If you have the time, you might want to point out some of the religious symbolism in the C.S. Lewis book; we will be discussing the symbolism as a class. It is recommended that students take notes as they read both books so they will have the needed information for discussion and the book report.

The following books are not required, but would enhance your child's understanding of some of the Literature and Social Studies material covered in Grade Five:

Babe Didrikson, by Amelie Welden

Let It Shine by Andrea Davis Pinkney

The Wheel on the School By Meindert DeJong

El Guero by Elizabeth Borton De Trevino

Black-Eyed Susan by Jennifer Armstrong

Dragonwings by Laurence Yep

Souder by William H. Armstrong

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

Holes by Louis Sachar

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol B. Aladdin

When Shlemiel went to Warsaw and Other Stories by Isaac Singer

Bound For Oregon by Jean Van Leeuwen

Enjoy your Summer!

J. Gauthier, Grade 5

