

# *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignments*

for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade

You must read two books: *Wonder* by RJ Palacio and a book of your choice that meets the requirements listed below. You will be expected to pass a Reading Counts Quiz on each book during the first week of school in September. All together, summer assignments will count as your first *four* quiz grades of the first marking period. It is very important that you complete these assignments. You are responsible for bringing both projects to school with you on the first day or emailing them by that day. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

# Wonder by RJ Palacio

## Summer Reading Journal

Read *Wonder* and create a total of ten journal entries on chapters or excerpts as you read. Each entry must be at least eight sentences. Each of your entries must be one of the choices on the Signposts list below. Please use each Signpost at least once; some you will use more than once for a total of ten.

If you create your journal on PowerPoint, you should have one slide for each entry. Add pictures as you see fit. You may also use Microsoft Word, Prezi, Padlet, or Easel.ly. If you do not have computer access, you may also create a journal in a notebook or on paper.

Email your summer journal project to the email address listed below (preferred); otherwise, you must bring it with you on the first day of school in September-NO EXCEPTIONS. Early projects submitted electronically (by August 22) will receive extra credit for this assignment. E-mail all assignments to: [7summerreading2016@bellmawrschools.org](mailto:7summerreading2016@bellmawrschools.org)

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### Signposts to look for while reading

#### Contrasts & Contradictions

When a character does something that contrasts with what you'd expect or contradicts his earlier acts or statements **Text clue:** Author shows feelings or actions the reader hasn't seen before & doesn't expect **Ask yourself:** Why is the character doing that?

#### Aha! Moment

When a character realizes, understands, or finally figures out something **Text clue:** Characters say "I realized..." or "I suddenly knew..." or "Now I know why..." **Ask yourself:** How might this change things?

#### Tough Questions

When a character asks herself a very difficult question **Text clue:** Character asks self or another a hard question **Ask yourself:** What does this question make me wonder about?

#### Words of the Wiser

When a character (probably older and wiser) takes the protagonist aside and offers serious advice **Text clue:** A wiser, often older, character offers a life lesson, usually in a quiet moment **Ask yourself:** What is the life lesson and how might it affect the character?

#### Again & Again

When you notice a word, phrase, or situation mentioned over and over **Text clue:** A repeated image, phrase, or reference **Ask yourself:** Why does this keep happening again and again?

#### Memory Moment

When the author interrupts the action to tell you about a memory **Text clue:** "I suddenly remembered..." or "I remember..." or "Thinking back..." **Ask yourself:** Why might this memory be important?

# Book #2- Your Choice

## Summer Reading Assignment 2

You may choose any fiction book that meets the following requirements:

1. has a Reading Counts quiz- check the [Scholastic Website](#)
2. is on a reading level of 5.0 or above according to the [Scholastic Website](#)

Complete the summer reading foldable bookmark:

1. Print both pages and fill in all information as you read.
2. Cut them out.
3. Glue them back to back.
4. Fold three ways, into a trifold.

**You may use your bookmark to help with the Reading Counts quiz for your choice book during the first week of school.**