

## Fourth Grade Summer Reading Assignment!!

**1.** Read Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

(provided)

**2.** As you read write down the information asked for on the attached sheet. (information, questions, and activity)

The information can also be found on our teacher web pages (GSS website) Your answers are to be done in complete sentences, in cursive, and on theme paper. Check your work for grammar and spelling errors.

**3.** Return the book and completed work on the ***first day*** of school. This is your first graded assignment for fourth grade so do ***your*** best work!!

Have a great summer. We love to read and we hope you do too! Also try some web sites or workbooks to keep your math skills sharp☺

Mrs. P and Mrs. Cawley

Start your written assignment by writing the following information in cursive on theme paper. Then answer the questions below.

Title:

Author:

Setting: (This includes time in history and place on earth)

Characters:

*Because of Winn-Dixie* Summer Reading Questions  
(Write your answers on theme paper in cursive!)

1. Opal's dog is called Winn-Dixie. Tell why Opal decides to give her dog that name.
2. What words does Opal use to describe Winn-Dixie when she first sees him? Of these qualities, which one causes Opal to adopt Winn-Dixie despite the way he looks?
3. As Opal gives her new dog a bath, she tells him they are a lot alike. In what ways are Opal and her dog alike? List them.
4. What sort of relationship does Opal have with her father, the preacher, at the beginning of the book? How does their relationship change by the end of the book?
5. At Opal's urging, her father tells her ten things about her mother, one for every year of Opal's life. Describe Opal's mother on the basis of those ten things.
6. At one point Opal says, "Just about everything that happened to me that summer happened because of Winn-Dixie." What happens to Opal that makes her say this? Give **one** example from the book to support your answer. Include the page number or numbers in your answer.

7. Winn-Dixie brings comfort and joy to a lot of characters in this story. Write the name Winn-Dixie in the center of a piece of paper with a circle around it. Then draw several lines out from the center, like spokes in a wagon wheel. At the end of each line write the name of a character whose life Winn-Dixie touched. Write a sentence or two that tells what these characters have in common?

8. Opal describes her friend Gloria as the best adult she knows. In what ways does Gloria act like the mother that Opal doesn't have?

9. What happens to Winn-Dixie at the party?

10. After the party, Opal goes to Gloria's mistake tree and tells her mother she won't miss her as much because her heart feels full. How has Opal's life changed to make her feel this way?

**Activity:** On a separate piece of paper write a list of ten qualities that describe who you are. As models, use the lists describing Opal's mother and Winn-Dixie.