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Supply List

- 7 sturdy folders
- 5 packs of pencils with great erasers
- 6 composition books
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 3 packages of line paper
- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 package of dry erase markers
- 2 packages of white copy paper
- crayons
- markers

Dear Parents of Future Fifth graders,

Every year I supplement the reading program with some of my favorite novels. Many parents wish to purchase the novels in the summer so they are ready when school starts. Hopefully, these books will help spark your child's love of reading. Here is the list of the novels we will be reading starting next September. I have included a short synopsis of each book.

Wonder, by R.J. Palacio

The book that has moved me most in the past year is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. It's the fictional story of August Pullman, a 10-year-old with a very different-looking face—the result of a chromosomal abnormality and an illness—and his journey from the nest of homeschooling to the wilds of middle school.

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech.

The Newbery Medal-winning *Walk Two Moons* is a story about journeys, family love, and commitment. It is written by Sharon Creech.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

The One and Only Ivan has incredible depth. In a relatively short amount of pages, Katherine Applegate has developed a rich and multi-layered story about Ivan the Mighty Silverback. Applegate takes the reader on Ivan's journey of self-discovery, a journey that leads to his freedom, literally and figuratively. I found this book to be profound in its message, and I encourage you to put it in as many young readers' hands as possible.

Because of Mr. Terupt, by Rob Buyea

Because of Mr. Terupt is a lovely and inspirational story for the tween set. Each of the children in the story takes a turn narrating, which gives the reader insight into their particular situation, even though the characters may not understand each other.

Al Capone Does my Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Al Capone Does My Shirts is a novel by award-winning author Gennifer Choldenko. In this novel, Moose Flanagan and his family move to Alcatraz Island, where Moose's father has gotten a job as both electrician and prison guard for the federal prison situated on the island.

Thank you for your support and I am looking forward to a great 2016-2017 school year.

Sincerely,

Mindy Cohen