

Sacred Heart School
Summer Reading – Grade 6 – 2017

Mrs. Whittaker

*The more you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you will go.*
~Dr. Seuss~

WONDER by R.J. Palacio

Ten year old Auggie Pullman was born with such severe facial deformities that, even after 27 surgeries, children still run away from him screaming. But he's just a regular kid, surrounded by a very loving and supportive family. He even has a best friend. Homeschooled and soon to be a fifth grader, Auggie's mother has decided it's now time for him to attend a private school. But the transition isn't easy when most people don't get beyond judging him by his looks. In spite of the death of his dog, bullies, and friendships that are tested, Auggie proves to his new classmates and the school administration that he's smart, funny and brave. The story, which spans a school year, is told from the points of view of a variety of characters, including Auggie's, his sister's and a few friends', allowing the reader glimpses into his childhood. Auggie is faced with challenges that he meets head-on, and the reader will cheer for him and savor his victory in the end.

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Assignment

After reading the novel, fill in the accompanying graphic organizer and bring to class the first day of school. You will use the organizer to complete a written assignment in class.