Summer Reading Program for Rising Fourth Graders

Every year rising Fourth Graders participate in a summer reading program. This is a great opportunity for students and teachers to build community and share a great book together at the beginning of 4th grade. This year the students will be reading *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. See below for the summer reading requirements.

1. Read at least **three books** over the summer. Of the three books….
   a. Everyone is required to read, *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio and complete the Seven Slices of Wonder activity below. (the book is provided for the student)
   b. In addition to reading *Wonder*, each student must **choose two additional, never read before books** to read. Go to [http://gallowaylibraryel.weebly.com/](http://gallowaylibraryel.weebly.com/) for summer reading suggestions.

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### Seven Slices of Wonder

“A pizza with a story to tell”

**Materials needed**

1- large pizza box  
Copy of *Wonder*  
Paper for pizza slices (provided in packet)  
Art supplies  
+ markers, glue sticks, scissors, paint, glitter, to name a few…

**Directions:** *Steps A and B are required. Step C is extra credit.*

*(Use the checkbox to keep track of your progress.)*

A. Create a new front cover on the outside of the pizza box. Include: title, author, and art work.
B. On the bottom of the inside of the box, assemble your pizza. Record each activity on a “slice” of pizza. Use both sides if necessary. Artfully decorate your pizza slices.

(Use the checkbox to keep track of your progress.)

Slice #1 ☐ Write your favorite precept from the story.

Precepts as defined by Wonder’s Mr. Brown, “...rules about really important things. In a nutshell, precepts are words to live by. You can find a precept in a book you’re reading, in a song you’ve heard, or in a fortune cookie. It doesn’t matter where, but if a phrase rings true to you, and it can help guide you in making a decision, then make it your own personal precept.”

Slice #2 ☐ Write your own precept.

Slice #3 ☐ Draw your favorite character.

Slice #4 ☐ Draw your favorite scene.

Slice #5 ☐ Write a lesson you learned from the book.

Slice #6 ☐ Retell the story of “Wonder” in 25 words or less.

Sample: Wizard of Oz

“Kansas girl gets angry, leaves home, visits a place called Oz, makes many friends, kills two witches, learns valuable lessons, and returns home.

Slice #7 ☐ Decorate the 7th “slice” as your favorite type of pizza.

C. Complete the following extra credit activity and earn a lunch with Mr. Bartl, EL Librarian.

On the inside of the cover, choose a character and create a collage representing their path throughout the story. Note: Use magazine/newspaper clippings.

At the beginning of the new school year we will have a pizza party to showcase our pizzas and discuss the book.
1. Wonder Precept
2. Your Own Precept
3. Draw Your Favorite Character
4. Draw Your Favorite Scene
5. Lessoned Learned
6. Retell the Story in 25 Words or Less
7. Decorate as Your Favorite Type of Pizza