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Attention Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and Parents:

I am so excited to be your Reading teacher next school year! We are going to have so much fun and read so many good books! In order to keep you reading this summer, I have created a summer Reading assignment for you to complete. You will be reading the classic novel, Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. The book can be purchased online or checked out at the public library. This novel about friendship, belonging, and acceptance will be perfect as we start the next school year. After reading the book, students can choose one of the following projects that will be due the first Friday of the 2017-18 school year.

- **Character Selfies:** Choose one character from the story and create two social media posts for that character. These "posts" should include a drawing of the character's "selfie" and explain what's happening in two parts of the book. The drawings and posts should reflect the character's attitude/feelings during that part of the story. This can be done on construction or computer paper- one post per page. Please color all illustrations.
- **Comic Strip Poster:** Create a poster-size (very large) comic strip that describes your favorite scene from the book. Your comic must include details and use both pictures and small word bubbles to tell what's happening. Please don't forget to color!
- **Character Interview:** Think of seven good interview questions that a reporter might ask one of the main characters. Write down your questions and that character's responses to them. These should not be yes/no questions and the character's responses should be at least two sentences.

Please encourage your child to read and complete this project as there will be many fun corresponding activities that accompany this novel the first week of school and I don't want your child to miss out! Thank you and have a super summer! ☺

*Mrs. Alegria*