

Summer Homework - Rising 5th Graders

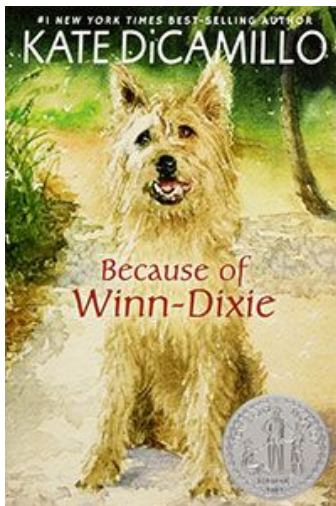
Fourth graders heading into fifth grade, here's what you need to know about staying sharp this summer. Avoid the summer slide...unless, of course, you are at a waterpark 😊

Math: Show Me 1/2 packet

Do it all by the beginning of fifth grade. It's easy...ish once you get rolling. Keep in mind that the "1" changes after ten pages or so, so watch out for that. You will need Cuisenaire rods to complete the packet. [Here's a link](#) to the rods. Fractions are the hardest work of fifth grade math, so get ahead. Julia also sent home your Bridges workbooks, so if you really love math and want more, do a page or two a day to get even more practice. If you lost your packet in the final day shuffle, [here's a download](#) to the whole thing!

Reading

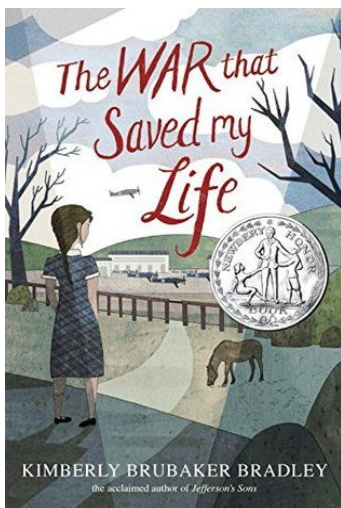
You must read one of the following three books this summer for a lit circle we will have in the first few days of school in September. Read about them to decide which one is right for you! You may of course read both (and lots more!)



Guided Reading Level R

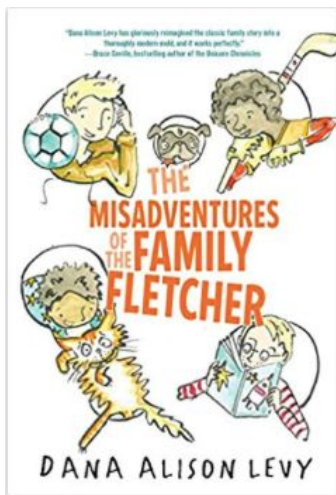
From Kate DiCamillo's website: The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket and comes out with a dog. A big, ugly, suffering dog with a sterling sense of humor. A dog she dubs Winn-Dixie. Because of Winn-Dixie, the preacher tells Opal ten things about her absent mother, one for each year Opal has been alive. Winn-Dixie is better at making friends than anyone Opal has ever known, and together they meet the local librarian, Miss Franny Block, who once fought off a bear with a copy of *War and Peace*. They meet Gloria Dump, who is nearly blind but sees with her heart, and Otis, an ex-con who sets the animals in his pet shop loose after hours, then lulls them with his guitar. Opal spends all that sweet summer collecting stories about her new friends, and thinking about her mother. But because of Winn-Dixie or perhaps because she has grown, Opal learns to let go, just a little, and that

friendship-and forgiveness-can sneak up on you like a sudden summer storm.



Guided Reading Level Z

In our experience, this is such an engaging story that readers at about level U and above enjoy this book.



Reading level V

The Misadventures of The Family Fletcher is a fun and exciting book about taking the traditional **family**-story structure and bringing it up to date by introducing same-sex parents and multiracial children. The start of the school year is not going as the Fletcher brothers hoped. Each boy finds his plans for success veering off in unexpected and sometimes disastrous directions. And at home, their miserable new neighbor complains about everything. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.

Writing

Writing is a process, and a writer is not created overnight. It takes practice, so we encourage you to write as much as you can this summer. With a journal or notebook and a pen you can explore your world! Write down what you see. Write about how you feel. Write a short skit for a television sitcom. Create a blog or become a community journalist. All of these writing exercises will help develop your writing skills because a "writer is someone who writes!"