

Woodville Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. **WONDER**, now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates', his sister's, her boyfriend's, and others'. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. **R.J. Palacio** has called her debut novel "a meditation on kindness" —indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, a diamond in the rough who proves that **you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.**

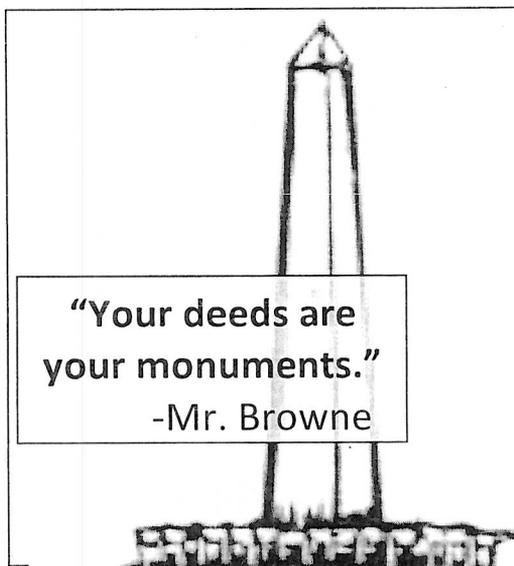
After reading *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, you will complete a three-part assignment:

1. Creating and sending your precept
2. **TWO** Written Responses
3. A creative project

Precept Project: Reread the precepts generated by Mr. Browne's students at the back of the novel. (Precepts are directions given as rules of action or conduct.) Think about a message that you would choose to act on as your own personal precept. You must create your own personal precept to live by this school year or borrow a quotation, song lyric, poem verse, etc. from someone else as long as you give them credit for their work. (Although you may borrow an idea or quotation from another source, you may not use one of the precepts included in the novel). **Your precept about your beliefs and/or values should be:** global, inspirational and/or motivational, and attributed to its source (you or another author). **You can design your postcard on the computer, buy one and write your precept on, or draw it your self.** Make sure you write a note explaining why you think the precept is an important rule to live by!

Example:

Front



Back

<p>Dear WMS,</p> <p>I think that "Your deeds are your monuments" is an important rule to live by. Monuments are left behind as a reminder of something or someone; they are what people are remembered for. Your deeds are your actions and accomplishments. I know that what I do in life is what I will be remembered for. When I think about that, I am inspired to do better and be better so that my monument is one I can be proud of!</p> <p>Sincerely, Student name</p>	<div data-bbox="1351 1283 1471 1378" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Stamp</div> <p>Woodville Middle School 1900 Natural Bridge Road Tallahassee, Florida 32305</p>
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Once you have created your own precept to live by, write it on a postcard and mail it to:

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1900 Natural Bridge Road
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