

Windermere Family Read-Together



Dear Windermere Families,

The Windermere Library is excited to partner with your fourth grade team and our PTO to introduce a new and exciting learning opportunity; the first annual Windermere Family Read-Together!

Chosen with the advice of our teachers, this year's book is *Because of Winn-Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo. **Participating families will be asked to read this book together, at home, from October 13th – November 15th.** This award winning and classic story will appeal to readers of all ages.

In school, your child will be given a chance to answer book-related trivia questions that will be read during morning announcements. We hope this will promote attentive listening and help students take pride in knowing the details of the story. Correct trivia answers will be included in prize raffles every few days! Below is a suggested reading schedule. Trivia questions will be based on readings for the week, so it pays to stay on track!

Chapters:	Completed by:	Chapters	Completed by:
1-2	10/17	18-20	11/6
3-5	10/19	21-22	11/9
6-9	10/24	23-24	11/13
10-12	10/26	25-26	11/15
13-15	10/30	Winn-Dixie Celebration Night Thursday, November 16th, 6-8 PM	
16-17	11/2		

To cap off the program, we would like to invite you and your family to join us for a **Winn-Dixie Celebration on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Windermere MP room.** We will have refreshments, book-related activities, watch the movie-adapted version, and give away more raffle prizes!

You are welcome to find your own copy of the book from any library, bookstore, online, or purchase a book from the fourth grade student sales team for \$6 each. If you are reading aloud as a family, only one copy is needed; however, feel free to order as many copies as you'd like. Please register by October 13th.

We hope you will join us in this shared reading experience. When a whole school reads together, there is a lot to talk about! There are many great benefits of reading together as a family, but the best part is spending some quality time together!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hemmelgarn & the fourth grade teaching team and students
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Because of Winn-Dixie is an award winning book and ranked among the top 20 books written for children as published by the School Library Journal. Read on to learn more about this title from the publisher.

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.

To register for the family read-together, fill out this form below and send to school with your child.

Forms are due by Friday, October 13th

Books sales start Wednesday 10/11-10/17

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Only one registration form per family is necessary.

Student name(s) _____

Parent email _____

How many people in your family will be participating? _____

BOOK ORDER

Payment Method (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	I'll get my own copy, thanks!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check attached made payable to the Windermere Library. Books are \$6 each.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash payment of \$6.00. (Exact amounts appreciated!)