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4th GRADE SUMMER READING

Book- **Because of Winn Dixie** by Kate Dicamillo

After reading the book, write an essay following the format below. The essay should be at least one page, double-spaced, typed (14-point font) or written single spaced in print.

- **First Paragraph (Summary):** Write a summary of the book (at least 5 good sentences) - Write about the setting, (where the story takes place and time). Introduce the main character or characters in the story.

Describe the characters and their qualities, name, age, things about them, etc. Discuss what problem the main character faces in the story. If you are still having trouble starting, you can answer the questions: who, what, when, where, and how.

- **Second paragraph (Opinion):** Write a paragraph giving your opinion on the book. Use these guidelines. Write about why you like or dislike the book.

Give details, for example: Was the book confusing? Was it too easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable/ believable? Did you like the ending? What was your favorite part? What connections did you make with your life or other books?

- **Conclusion (Recommendation):** Explain whether you would recommend this book to another student or not? Rate the book from 1 star to 5 stars, and give examples why you gave it the rating you did. Examples should include a quote or quotes from the book or a summary of the part of the book that you liked or did not like.

This assignment may be turned in at any point during the first week of school for an extra credit quiz grade of 100 if all requirements are completed.