

5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment Wandell School

Directions:

- Students entering the 5th grade **must** read the book
The Boy Who Sat in the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf

Students should be prepared to discuss this book in class.

*****Fifth Grade Required Reading Book*****

The Boy Who Sat in the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of Mrs. Khan's classroom, but on the third Tuesday of the school year a new kid fills it: nine-year-old Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. The whole class is curious about this new boy--he doesn't seem to smile, and he doesn't talk much. But after learning that Ahmet fled a Very Real War and was separated from his family along the way, a determined group of his classmates bands together to concoct the Greatest Idea in the World--a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his loved ones.

- Students must **also** choose **TWO** additional books to read over the summer. Please see the 5th Grade suggested book list. Students may read books that are not on the suggested book list.
- Students will **complete** a Reading Response for the book ***The Boy Who Sat in the Back of the Class***. Please complete the Reading Response using details from text. The Response can be typed or can be written in neat handwriting. Be sure to bring the Reading Responses to class on the first day of school.

Thank you,
Dr. Penna

