

March 27, 2018

Dear Families,

We are approaching the end of our Character Unit in reading. As you know, we have read *Because of Winn-Dixie* as a class read aloud. Like any book we read, *Because of Winn-Dixie* has quickly become a favorite! We all know there is nothing better than reading a book and then being able to watch the movie! As a celebration I would love to show the movie to compare and contrast. The movie is rated PG and would require parent permission. Here is a blurb from a website that reviews what parents need to know: (Keep in mind that all of these real life challenges have been appropriately discussed throughout our read aloud).

Parents need to know that beneath the heartwarming, often funny, story of a young girl's relationship with a lovable mutt, Because of Winn-Dixie deals with some significant life experiences, (abandonment, alcoholism, death of a loved one, and the difficulties that come with major change in a child's life). The issues are treated sensitively and gently, without too much detail. Multiple positive messages are either clearly stated or subtly integrated into the story and character arcs. The few action sequences are either comic (dog pulling down policeman's trousers, falls, chases) or mildly suspenseful (flashback of a bear, the dog catching and releasing a mouse, and the dog fearfully reacting to thunderstorms). There is one use of "hell," and a couple of insults ("booger-eater," "retard"); someone steps in some messy dog poop.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact me. Please complete the permission slip below and return by **Wednesday, April 4.**

Thank you!

Mrs. Morgan

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PERMISSION SLIP

____ **YES** I give my child permission to watch *Because of Winn-Dixie* during school.

____ **NO** I do not give my child permission to participate in watching *Because of Winn-Dixie* in school.

Parent Signature_____