Parent Wonder Book Discussion

Cheese and crackers / grapes / carrots and dip
Sparkling water
Water bottles

Hand out a blue heart as parents come into the library. Explain kindness heart concept and this will be their exit ticket and will go on display with the others.

Everything shared in this library tonight is for each other. It will not be shared with any administrators or teachers.

Introductions

Background one book one school
Explain R.J. Palacio's inspiration for book

Question - How do you think you would handle a similar situation with your children?

Questions for discussion-

Question - Do you discuss with your own children how other children are doing?

Question - Do you think children today learn enough about empathy?

Question - Did you feel the characters accurately portrayed 5th graders?

Question- How close was your original mental picture of Auggie? Only later in the book during one of Via’s chapters do you get a description.

This is going to be made into a movie - how do you think it's going to get pulled off

The astronaut helmet

In the chapter ‘Costumes’ Auggie describes the astronaut helmet that he wore constantly as a younger child. We later learn that Miranda was the one to give Auggie the helmet, and is proud of the gift, but that it was Auggie’s father who threw it away. What do you think the helmet signifies to each of these characters and why do you think they all view it so differently?

question- compare the characters of summer and Charlotte - do you think your child (or you as
a middle schooler) is more of a summer or Charlotte

Did anyone notice that Julian does not have a chapter in the book does anybody want to speculate why

Question - What one moment in the book stood out for you?

Did you personally identify with any of the characters?

Any other questions you want the group to ponder?