

Dearest Seton soon-to-be 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

I hope that you all have a fantastic summer vacation and enjoy God's blessings!

This letter is to inform you of the summer reading assignment.

★ All students will be required to own and read the entire book – *Better to Wish* by Ann M. Martin. ★

Additionally, a typed summary of the book will be required along with answers to the questions below.

★ Students must complete all questions (10) and write a brief summary and opinion of the novel.

It will be due on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

After you have read this email, please reply to Mrs. Fragale by the end of June to let her know that you've received this assignment.

Sincerely,

Mr. Terranova

1. How is life different for Abby and her family once they move into town? Do you live in a city, suburb, or rural setting? Where would you prefer to live?
2. Do you think Abby's father treats people fairly? Why or why not?
3. Why was Abby upset when her father got her a watch instead of a doll for her birthday?
4. What reasons does Pop give for not wanting Abby to take the job that Miss Maynard offers her? What do you think his real reasons are?
5. Abby's father frequently says, "the subject is closed" when he does not want to deal with something. What subjects does he close the door on, and how do the women in his family react to his orders?
6. Abby and her father have very different opinions of people. Explain their differences in opinion.
7. Think of another book in which one of the characters has a disability similar to Fred's. Were they treated in the same way that Fred was?
8. What do you think of Abby's decision to turn down Zander's marriage proposal and move to New York City? What would you have done?
9. Even though the family becomes wealthier, Abby's mother does not want the children to be spoiled. Do you think she succeeds at this? Why do you think it's so important to her?
10. What do you think the title, *Better to Wish*, means?