

# ***Walter A. Kassenbrock Elementary School***

*Public School 185  
8601 Ridge Boulevard  
Brooklyn, NY 11209*

**Rena Goudelias  
Principal**

**Phone: (718) 745-6610  
Fax: (718) 836-9631**

**Melissa Meahl  
Assistant Principal**

## **Summer 2017 Grade 5 Required Reading**

Required Summer Reading for all students: *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

We will be starting the year with a book discussion. Here are questions to consider while reading *Freak the Mighty* over the summer:

- Do our opinions of ourselves affect what others think of us? Do others' opinions of us affect how we feel about ourselves?
- Why do we care about what happens to Max and Kevin? How does the author make us care about them?
- What writing strategies and techniques does the author use?
- What are some of the novel's themes?