

Summer Reading Assignment

Incoming Seventh Grade

Dear Students:

You will be required to read the book *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass. You will be required to compose a five-paragraph analytical essay following the directions given below. The essay will be collected on the first day of school and an oral presentation of the essay will be expected from each of you. The essay will count as your first test grade for the first marking period. Thank you and happy reading.

Each of the following requirements will be worth 10 points.

_____ Proper heading – name, date, school, and subject

_____ An essay containing five well written paragraphs with complete sentences and logical order – (paragraph should be five or more sentences) It is typed, 12 point Time New Roman font, double spaced, or neatly written using blue or black ink.

_____ Paragraph one – Introduce your reader to the characters in the novel. Include relationships and how these relationships are important to the story.

_____ Paragraph two – Jeremy’s mom and Lizzy’s dad are both single parents. How does this affect Lizzy and Jeremy’s friendship? Are his mom and her dad good parents? Give several reasons why or why not.

_____ Paragraph three -When Jeremy discovers he can’t open the box, he and Lizzy embark on different searches all over the city. What would you do differently? Do you think Jeremy and Lizzy’s methods of finding the keys are helpful? Why or why not?

_____ Paragraph four –Jeremy’s dad spent his life believing he would die when he was forty years old. Would you have believed the fortune teller? How did the fortune teller change Mr. Fink’s life? Was it for the better or worse? Explain.

_____ Paragraph five – Describe what Jeremy finds in the box. Were you surprised by what he finds? Do you think it is what Jeremy has been looking for? Why or why not.

_____ All spelling and grammar is correct.

_____ Handed in on time.

_____ Oral presentation is completed.