

# Welcome to the Eighth Grade!

I hope you will enjoy your summer. At the same time, it is extremely important that you continue to read throughout the upcoming months. Studies have shown that students who read three to four books during the summer retain more reading and learning skills. Plus, you have the added benefit of improving your vocabulary and stretching your mind. With this in mind, I have an assignment for you to complete over the summer.

## Summer Reading Project

### **Step 1: Read the book**

Read Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life written by Wendy Mass. You can purchase the book at most book stores, or you can obtain a copy of the novel from the Delhi Library. If the Delhi Library branch is out of the book, they can transfer it in for you from another branch. Be sure to ask the librarian if you need help doing this. Limited copies are available from the library, so don't wait until the last minute to try to obtain the book.

### **Step 2: Take notes**

As you finish each chapter, stop and write down notes about the characters and the events which took place. (Approximately five sentences for each chapter)

### **Step 3: Review the book**

Write down your favorite and least favorite parts of the book. Be as specific as you can. Describe the section and then state exactly what you liked or disliked about it.

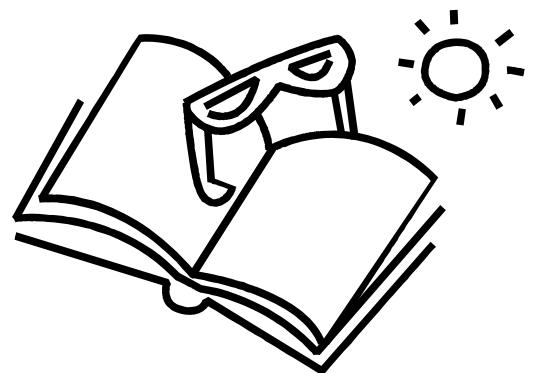
### **Step 4: Don't lose your work!**

It is imperative that you have the work ready to hand in to me on the first day of school. We will be using this information during the first week to write a book report together, as a class. This report will serve as the basic outline to be followed for all subsequent book reports throughout the year. If you choose to not complete this summer assignment, or if you do not have your handwritten notes for each chapter ready to hand in on August 26, 2009, you will receive a demerit-**no excuses will be accepted**. Don't wait until the night before to complete this work. Work on it a little each day and pace yourself. Most importantly, enjoy the book!

See you in the fall and happy reading!

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