

Bernardsville Middle School is proud to announce its new reading program!

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK

Bernardsville Middle School will be participating in an exciting **One School, One Book** project over the summer and next fall, culminating in the book's author, Wendy Mass, visiting our school. The goal of this program is to create a school community of readers by having all students and staff in all grades levels reading the same book. By sharing in the experience of the same novel, all students and staff will have a common reading experience that we will all be able to share and discuss throughout the school building!

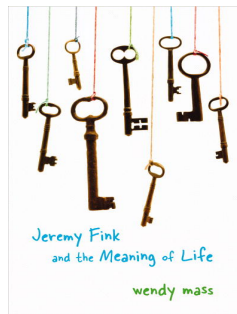
All students are requested to read ***Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass** and **at least ONE of her additional titles** before they return in September. Reading these books will prepare students for the great author-related events that will take place when school is back in session, as well as allow students to experience some great reading that they will be able to discuss with anyone in the building! Happy reading!

All STUDENTS attending Bernardsville Middle School SHOULD read:

***Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life** – Wendy Mass**

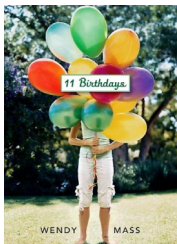
*This title can be challenging for the 5th grade level, so it is highly recommended that an adult read it along with the student.

I also recommend listening to it on audio book, while reading along! Just do your best and enjoy the story!

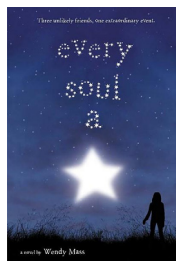


Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.

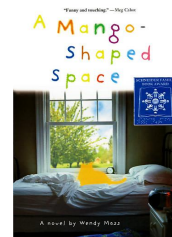
In addition, all students attending the middle school should read at least one of the following titles by Wendy Mass:



11 Birthdays:
After celebrating their first nine birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fought on their tenth birthday, have not spoken in a year. They are preparing to separately celebrate their eleventh birthday, but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.



Every Soul a Star:
Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at Moon Shadow, an isolated campground, to watch a total eclipse of the sun, but soon they begin to learn a great deal about themselves, each other, and the universe.



A Mango-Shaped Space:
Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.



Leap Day: (7-8 Grade)
On her fourth Leap birthday, when she turns sixteen, Josie has a number of momentous experiences, including taking her driver's test, auditioning for a school play, and celebrating with her family and friends.



Heaven Looks A Lot Like a Mall: (7-8 Grade)
After an accident in gym class puts sixteen-year-old Tessa into a coma, she re-evaluates her life by visiting the mall stores where significant events in her life took place.

For more information on the BMS program, please contact:
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For more information on One School, One Book programs, please see the following links:
http://www.reading.org/General/Publications/ReadingToday/RTY-0912_one_school.aspx
<http://www.educationworld.com/admin/admin/admin502.shtml>
<http://www.readtothem.org/rttvideo.php>