



Dear Soon-To-Be Seventh/Eighth Graders at Epstein Hillel School,

In preparation for next year, we are asking that you read at least **three** books over the summer.

Please read **either** *Every Soul a Star* by Wendy Mass or *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. Wendy Mass' *Every Soul a Star* is the story of three teenagers forming unlikely friendships as they follow their own journey. The story is told from each character's perspective as they wait for a solar eclipse in an isolated campground. Raskin's *The Westing Game* is a fictional story about a wealthy man named Sam Westing who has recently died. In his will it is revealed that he has been murdered and that sixteen people have been invited to compete to find the murderer and win his inheritance.

Here are a few choices for your book project:

- Write a new ending to the story that is one to two pages long.
- Draw or paint three of your favorites scenes. Write a paragraph explaining why these scenes are significant.
- Google Slides presentation including a summary, four events and the description of two characters

As your second and third books, feel free to choose anything that appeals to you! Whichever books you choose, you should also write the title and author of each book and your favorite part of the book.

Please bring your project and reading list with you on the first day of school, September 3rd 2019!