

East Side Middle School

2018-19 Humanities Summer Assignment

**Due Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

This summer we hope that you spend a good deal of time reading for pleasure. Read on the beach, in the park, or in your favorite comfortable chair. To get you started on your summer reading, we would like you to pick up a copy of ***The Misfits*** by **James Howe**. *The Misfits* is a great novel about a group of four friends that happen to attend middle school, just like you.

One theme or big idea that we will be focusing on throughout the year is **resilience** – having the ability to overcome a difficult time in your life or survive a painful experience.

As you read *The Misfits*, we would like you to keep the theme of resilience in mind. After you finish the novel, write a one page response to the novel.

- a. Select one character from the novel that you think demonstrates resilience.
- b. Discuss the theme of resilience in *The Misfits*.
- c. Discuss the problem or issue the character faces and must overcome.
- d. Discuss how the character demonstrates resilience.
- e. Provide details and examples from the novel to support your ideas.

Your response should be:

- Typed
- 12 point font
- Times New Roman
- Double spaced

If you like *The Misfits*, there are three other books in the series for you to check out: *Addie on the Inside*, *Totally Joe*, and *Otherwise Known as Elvis*.

We hope you enjoy the book and have a great summer!

Sincerely,

The 6th Grade Humanities Team