

Good Evening,

The beach is wild today; the winds are up to 22 mph. The waves are intense.

P158 – Jack tells his mom all; about the punch, that august was his ex-friend, and about Halloween. If you can't trust your mom who can you trust? My mom is 83 and I still tell her stuff that I tell no one else. It's good to have a mom to talk to.

P 160 to 163

Welcome to the world of a principal. I get some of the strangest e-mails? We sure do get many emails; I just wish more people sake on the phone. I would rather have a conversation then write an email. Oh well!

P 169 – "I've been ditched." I did not know until this past school year what this meant to be 'ditched.' Personally I can't think of anything meaner one person or a group of people could do to a person. There is just no good way to say to say it – it's just plain mean; The thing that bullies do best.

The end of P 176 It just feels so weird, not to have people talking to you, pretending you don't even exist." August says, "Welcome to my world." IF ANYONE HEARS THIS HAPPENING AT LMS I HOPE THEY WOULD TELL ME.

P 178 "My mom thinks we're too young to be dating..." I would have to agree, dating in 5<sup>th</sup> grade just seems silly to me!

We meet Olivia's boyfriend next.

As usual I have added some interesting information form a WONDER website about some of the references used in the pages we just read.

## Wonder - Pages 158-185

Photoshop is a computer program that allows users to easily edit photos, including removing someone completely from an image. The name of the program has become a verb - to Photoshop is to edit a digital image. Here are some example of what can be done with Photoshop.



In an email to Mr. Tushman, Julian's mom reminds him that Beecher Prep is not an inclusion school. An inclusion school allows and encourages students with special educational needs to be included in the general education classrooms. What Julian's mom is saying is that Auggie has special education needs. Does Auggie have a disability, or does he just look different from other students? Here are some images that illustrate ways students with disabilities can be included with all students.



Charlotte tells Jack about Julian's plan and shares a list of the students in the class and what group they fall into. One of the groups is the "Neutrals." To be neutral simply means to not take sides in a dispute. Many times it is used to describe countries that refuse to take sides in a war.

## Sides

"So here are the official sides," said Summer at lunch the next day. She pulled out a folded piece of loose-leaf paper and opened it. It had three columns of names.

<b><i>Jack's side</i></b>	<b><i>Julian's side</i></b>	<b><i>Neutrals</i></b>
<i>Jack</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Malik</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Remo</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Amos</i>	<i>Jose</i>
<i>Max G</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Leif</i>
<i>Max W</i>	<i>Tristan</i>	<i>Ram</i>
	<i>Pablo</i>	<i>Ivan</i>
	<i>Nino</i>	<i>Russell</i>
	<i>Isaiah</i>	
	<i>Luca</i>	
	<i>Jake</i>	
	<i>Toland</i>	
	<i>Roman</i>	
	<i>Ben</i>	
	<i>Emmanuel</i>	
	<i>Zeke</i>	
	<i>Tomaso</i>	

When Jack goes to Auggie's house to work on their science project, he comments that Auggie has a cool iMac. He also says that his family has an "ancient Dell that's practically dead."



The title "Darth" in Star Wars is given to Sith Lords. The Sith are the people who use the dark side of the force, and Sith Lords are their leaders. Or, as quoted on [Wookieepedia](#), **"The Darth title was more than just a symbol of power; it was a claim of supremacy. It was used by those Dark Lords who have sought to enforce their will on the other Masters. It was a challenge — a warning to bow down or be destroyed."**

In the simplest terms, in the Star Wars world, people named "Darth Someone" are bad, bad dudes.

So now, think about Daisy the dog's official name: Darth Daisy. This evil Sith Lord was a shabby mutt bought from a homeless person. I actually Googled "Darth Daisy" and this is what I found.





Jack and Auggie are partners for their science project. After suggesting a sun clock, a volcano, and growing crystal spikes, the partners settle on an organic battery made out of potatoes. Auggie reads that they can power a lamp with it and says, "We could call it the Spud Lamp or something."

