Discussion Questions for *11 Birthdays* by Wendy Mass

1. Leo and Amanda have been friends since they were babies. Who is your oldest friend? Why do you think your friendship has lasted through the years?

2. Why do you think Amanda tries out for the gymnastics team?

3. Do you think Amanda made the right choice by not talking to Leo for an entire year? Why or why not? Have you ever had a fight with a friend that lasted a long time?

4. List a few instances of Amanda and her friends worrying about things being “cool” and discuss if the cool choice was the right choice. Have you ever had to make an uncool choice? How did it feel?

5. Leo and Amanda let their true selves show on the day without any consequences. What would you do if you had a day with no consequences?

6. What does Amanda do differently during gymnastics try-outs when she makes the team? How does she feel about finally making the team?

7. Why do you think Amanda tries out for the marching band? What does Stephanie think?

8. Amanda says there are no do overs in life. What do you think she means by this? How can you apply this to your own life?

9. Amanda and Leo learned many things from repeating their eleventh birthday. Choose either Leo or Amanda and discuss a way the repeated birthday affected his or her relationship with one other character.

10. What evidence from the book hinted that Angelina was somehow involved in repeating their birthdays?