

## *Zachary Z. Packrat and His Amazing Collections* **My Most Treasured Possession**

Each student should write an essay\* about their favorite belonging, answering the questions below. They should carefully describe the item, but NOT say what the object is. When everyone is done writing, students should exchange essays for reading. Can each reader guess the object based on the written details? (This can also be done as a group with each student reading their essay aloud and the rest of the class guessing the object.)

- What is your favorite belonging?
- What does it look like? Smell like? Feel like? Sound like? Taste like?
- Why does this item mean so much to you?
- Where did you get it, or from whom?
- How long have you had it?
- Where do you keep it? Is it on display?
- How often do you look at, use or play with it?
- What is the history of the object; where was it before you had it?

*\*Be sure to use strong, descriptive words, so readers of your essay can visualize and appreciate the importance of your object!*