

SUMMER READING 2011

Eighth Grade – Mr. Pando

All incoming eighth graders are required to read Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick, and two books from the list below for a total of **three** books over the course of the summer (although you can read as many as you want!). Complete a **Story Map** (copies attached) for the latter two books and bring them to school on the first day—they will serve as the basis for a writing assignment. We will spend the first two weeks of school on a Freak the Mighty unit, so it might be wise to read that book later in the summer.

<u>Great Expectations</u>	Charles Dickens
<u>A Day No Pigs Would Die</u>	Robert Peck
<u>Jurassic Park</u>	Michael Crichton
<u>Little Women</u>	Louisa May Alcott
<u>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</u>	Jules Verne
<u>War of the Worlds</u>	H.G. Wells
<u>Z for Zachariah</u>	Robert O'Brien
<u>True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</u>	Avi
<u>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</u>	Maya Angelou
<u>Hiroshima</u>	John Hershey
<u>Night</u>	Elie Wiesel
<u>October Sky</u>	Homer Hickam
<u>Inkheart</u>	Cornelia Funke
<u>Max the Mighty</u>	Rodman Philbrick
<u>Life of Pi</u>	Yann Martel
<u>Into Thin Air</u>	Jon Krakauer
<u>Sold</u>	Patricia McCormick
<u>Life As We Knew It</u>	Susan Pfeffer
<u>Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi</u>	David Chotjewitz
<u>The Girls**</u>	Amy Goldman Koss
<u>Elijah of Buxton*</u>	Christopher Paul Curtis
<u>Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam*</u>	Cynthia Kadohota
<u>Skulduggery Pleasant:</u>	
<u>Scepter of the Ancients, Book1*</u>	Derek Landy
<u>Hunger Games+</u>	Suzanne Collins
<u>Adoration of Jenna Fox+</u>	Mary E. Pearson
<u>Unwind+</u>	Neal Shusterman

* These are the nominees for the California Young Reader Medal 2010-2011 middle school category. + These are the CYRM nominees in the YA category.

In order to vote (in March in the library) you must have read all the books in a category.

** (P.R.I.D.E. / anti-bullying)

If you would like to read a book not on the list, please email me, and I will get back to you.