

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA

## 2023-2024

### **Summer reading:**

According to the Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS), 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should read novels that are between the Lexile levels of 850-1100.

### **Summer reading assignment for ALL students (honors & regular):**

*Pigman by Paul Zindel*

As you read the novel, keep essential questions in mind –

1. John and Lorraine find a father-figure in Mr. Pignati and form a group resembling a family. What are some reasons that this family doesn't last?
2. Have Lorraine and John been damaged by their parents' neglectful behavior? If so, how?
3. What roles do "lies" and "deception" play in this storyline? Explain the different types of dishonesty shown by various characters in the book.

**\*\*Any student who requires extra reading support should have an adult or another fluent reader to assist in the reading of the text to provide support in comprehension. Reading together provides opportunities to hear good reading techniques and allows for conversations about characters, plot, setting, etc. found in the novel while leading you to the answers to the essential questions.**

Happy Reading! 😊

We look forward to seeing you next school year!

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