

## **Eighth Grade Summer Reading: 2018-19**

Required: **The Pigman** by Paul Zindel

Also, students must also read one of the following novels:

### **The Chosen** by Chaim Potok

*The Chosen* tells the story of an unlikely friendship between two Jewish boys growing up in Brooklyn at the end of World War II. Reuven Malter is a traditional Orthodox Jew. Danny Saunders is a brilliant Hasidic Jew. Together they deal with adolescence, family, loss, love and the conflicts that arise from their different cultures and modern American society.

### **City of the Beasts** by Isabel Allende

Alexander Cold joins his fearless grandmother on an expedition to the dangerous, remote world of the Amazon rainforest. They set off with their team--including a local guide and his daughter Nadia--in search of a headhunting tribe and the legendary Yeti of the Amazon known as 'the Beast'.

### **The Education of Little Tree** by Forrest Carter

“Little Tree” is adopted by his Cherokee grandmother and half-Cherokee grandfather in the Appalachian mountains of Tennessee during the Great Depression. He learns how to hunt and survive in the mountains, and to respect nature in the Cherokee Way. When Little Tree is taken away by whites for schooling, he experiences the cruelty Indian children suffered in the attempt to assimilate them into the Anglo world.

### **Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl** by Anne Frank

Born in 1929, Anne Frank received a blank diary on her 13th birthday, weeks before she and her family went into hiding in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. Her diary records the experience of living for 25 months with her parents, sister, a second family, and a dentist in confined quarters. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, and the constant threat of discovery and death.

### **Warriors Don't Cry** by Melba Pattillo Beals

In 1957, at the age of sixteen, Melba was one of nine teenagers chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School in Arkansas. Throughout her ordeal, Melba was taunted by her schoolmates and their parents, threatened by a lynch mob's rope, attacked with lighted sticks of dynamite, and injured by acid sprayed in her eyes. Through it all, Melba acted with dignity and courage, and refused to back down.