

8th Grade Reading
Year-at-a-Glance
2016-2017
Teacher: Mrs. Jana Guajardo

Summer Reading

- *The Pigman*, By Paul Zindel

Semester 1

Class Novels:

- *The Contender*, By Robert Lipsyte – Fantasy Fiction
4.5 AR Level, 5 Point Value
- Poetry Unit, Texas Literature Books
- *A Day No Pigs Would Die*, By Robert Newton Peck – Historical Fiction
4.4 AR Level, 4 Point Value

Independent Reading:
(Student Choice)

- **1st 9-Weeks:** Saint Book, Non-Fiction
- **2nd 9-Weeks:** Book of Invention, Non-Fiction

Semester 2

Class Novels:

- *Alas, Babylon*, By Pat Frank – Historical Fiction
6.1 AR Level, 16 Point Value
- *To Kill A Mockingbird*, By Harper Lee – Historical Fiction
5.6 AR Level, 15 Point Value

Independent Reading:
(Student Choice)

- **3rd 9-Weeks:** Awards-Winning Book
- **4th 9-Weeks:** Autobiography Book – Non-Fiction

***Reading Skills are taught and reviewed throughout every class novel. These skills include, but are not limited to: Vocabulary, Elements of Plot, Conflict, Story Devices, Character Trait, Characterization, Theme, Point-of-View, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, Personification, Idioms, Alliteration, Allusion, Onomatopoeia, Figurative Language, Mood & Tone, Genres, Main Ideas & Supporting Details, Author's Purpose, Description, Compare & Contrast, Order & Sequence, Cause & Effect, Primary & Secondary Sources, Persuasion, etc.