

# 2011-2012 SUMMER READING LIST

## Grade 8

The following books are suggested reading for the summer.

Anne Frank - A diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank

Flowers for Algernon, Daniel Keys

Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift

The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith



This book is the mandatory summer reading assignment for all incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

Each student must complete a journal which outlines the novel. Journals must be neat, bright and colorful and should reflect three months of work. Specifically, journals must include

- a cover page - with the title, author and a drawing representing the book
- a table of contents - which reflects the journal entries
- an "About the Author" page - which gives information about the author of the book
- a summary of each chapter which may also contain vocabulary word, points of interest and/or questions about the chapter

In September, we will then discuss in detail the characters, plot formation setting and conflicts of the book.

**Journals are due the first day of school!**