

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Reading 2009**  
**Pizitz and Liberty Park Middle Schools**

**Pizitz**

**All classes**

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan (1st Nine Weeks)  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor (2nd Nine Weeks)  
*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton (4th Nine Weeks)

**Regular English**

*Small Steps* by Louis Sachar (1st Nine Weeks)  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan (2nd Nine Weeks)  
*Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass (3rd Nine Weeks)  
*Deathwatch* by Robb White (4th Nine Weeks)

**Advanced English**

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll (3rd Nine Weeks)  
*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie (1st Nine Weeks)  
*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London (2nd Nine Weeks)  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke (3rd Nine Weeks)  
*Uglies* by Scott Westerfield (4th Nine Weeks)

Details about the biographies and the assignments for each will be posted as dates approach.

**Addition:**

This year we will incorporate *The Merchant of Venice* into our curriculum. Using this text just recently became a possibility, so I am still searching for the version that will best allow students to understand the content while respecting Shakespearean style. As soon as I and my colleagues decide upon the best version, I will let the students know. We will not cover this material until **April**.

**Liberty Park**

*1st Nine Weeks*  
*The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton  
*The Odyssey*, by Homer  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

*2nd Nine Weeks:*  
*Life of Pi*, by Yan Martel  
*The Alchemist*  
*Three Cups of Tea*

*3rd Nine Weeks:*  
*Night* by Elie Wiesel  
*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

*4th Nine Weeks:*  
*The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain