

# Summer Reading: Dive into a Good Book

Each student entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to read two books during their summer vacation. The assignments required for each book will be used to fulfill the requirements for their 1<sup>st</sup> trimester book report.



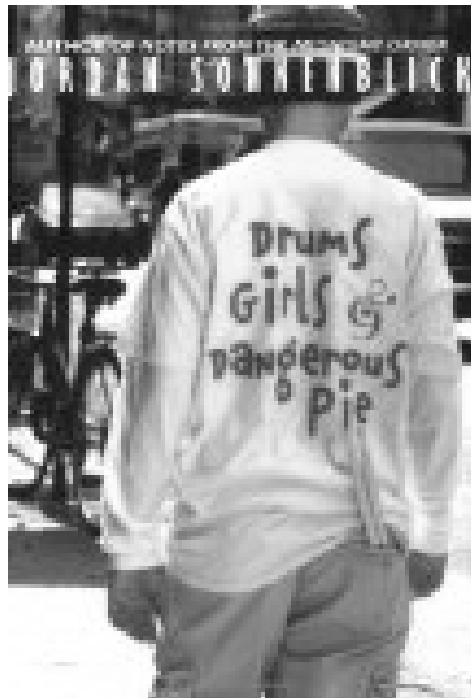
## Book # 1

Students are to read the following novel:

**Drums, Girls, And Dangerous Pie** by Jordan Sonnenblick

## Assignment # 1

Their assignment is to complete the attached assessment. If your child misplaced the assessment, a copy can be obtained on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade page of the school website.



## Book # 2

Students are to choose a book from the list below:

### Eighth Grade Reading List

- *Travel Team* by Mike Lupica
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Lighthouse Land* by Adrian McKinty
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart
- *Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach



### Assignment # 2: Book in a...

- Choose any container for your book project. You may choose any container that suits your needs or theme of your book (manila envelope, paper bag, a plastic bag, a can with a cover, a box, or any other container that you can imagine. Be creative!).
- Decorate the container with details appropriate to the book. We should know something about the book by examining the outside. Be sure your name and the title of the book are labeled.
- Inside the container, include the following: 5 items that depict the story in some way. Make sure that the setting and main characters are represented in your project.
- Bring your container to school by Friday, September 9, 2011. Students will share their containers and its contents with their classmates.

### Grading for Summer Reading

The assessment for **Book One** will be graded according to the number of correct answers. This assessment will be used as your child's first reading assessment for the school year.

For **Book Two**, each student will be graded according to scoring rubrics. The first rubric will assess your child's understanding and accuracy of the book as well as their creativity and pride in work (neatness). The second rubric will assess your child's presentation skills. Both rubrics and grades will be used towards your child's reading and writing grades. \*\*A copy of the rubrics will be available on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade page of the school website.