

## **Eighth Grade Literature**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

The eighth grade literature students will be encouraged to use thinking strategies and become active readers. We will develop the skills of understanding the author's purpose, foreshadowing and the use of literary techniques. Creative writing will be a year long project as the students attempt to write a child's picture story book.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

During this quarter eighth grade literature students will study the Holocaust .We will read the play A Diary of Anne Frank and students, when possible will also have the opportunity to visit the Jewish Holocaust Museum and speak with survivors. A variety of poetry and essays will also be introduced.

### **3d Quarter**

Social justice and science fiction will become our focus as we read Flowers for Algernon and Martin Luther Kings' I Have A Dream speech. We will also begin reading the Novel, To Kill A Mockingbird. Students will continue to work on their story book. Students will develop skills in critical thinking and practice writing.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

We will finish reading To Kill a Mockingbird, continuing with our focus on social justice and prejudice. We will also read a variety of short-stories and poems which relate to historical fiction and non-fiction. We will complete our year long writing project .Books will be submitted to publishers in hope of being accepted for publication.