

**RIDGEFIELD PARK JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

**GRADE 7**

June, 2010

Dear Students,

The summer is a valuable time to reenergize and relax, but it is also an excellent time for you to read. In anticipation of the next school year, the English teachers have selected a grade level-appropriate book, **The Pigman by Paul Zindel**, which you are required to read.

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  - Use the major themes in the book to make a word/picture collage. This should be made on standard-size poster paper.
  - Write a new ending for the book. This should be between 500-750 words long. It must be true to the content and context of the original novel.
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  - Create a board game. Using cardboard and small pieces, have the game reflect the characters and issues of conflict in the book.
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