**PJA Middle School Summer Reading 2014**

***If I am not for myself, who will be for me?***

Books about Finding One's Voice ~ Personal Identity

* Choose at least one book to read from the following lists; the book should be one that you have not yet read.
* Complete your reading prior to the first day of school.
* If possible, bring a copy of the book to Humanities class during the first week of school.
* Keep a journal of phrases, sentences, or longer excerpts from the book that relate to "Identity" (be sure to note page numbers). Also jot down thoughts or questions that come up when you are reading. You will be using your journal entries and in-class discussion to complete your first Humanities assignment of the year.
* Films are optional; feel free to watch one or more of the films listed below.
* An asterisk (\*) next to a title indicates it is recommended for advanced readers due to mature content and/or challenging reading level.

**Fiction Books:**

*\*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

*Divergent* by Veronica Roth

*Heaven* by Angela Johnson

*The Outsiders* by SE Hinton

*Pudd'nhead Wilson* by Mark Twain

*Slam!* by Walter Dean Myers

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Thing About Luck* by Cynthia Kadohata

*Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelsen

*\*Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher

**Nonfiction Books:**

*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

*\*The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X and Alex Haley

*Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah

*The Circuit* AND *Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez

*Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler’s Shadow* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

\**I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*Kaffir Boy: An Autobiography* by Mark Mathabane

*Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History* by Art Spiegelman

*Smile* by Raina Telgemeier

*Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism* by Temple Grandin

**Films:**

*Akeelah and the Bee (PG)*

*Bend it Like Beckham (PG-13)*

*Can’t Buy Me Love (PG-13)*

*\*Dead Poets’ Society (PG)*

*The Goonies (PG)*

*Mad Hot Ballroom (PG)*

*Rabbit Proof Fence (PG)*

*Real Women Have Curves (PG-13)*

*The Secret of Roan Inish (PG)  
Whale Rider (PG-13)*