

February, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our Language Arts Class will be reading **Freak the Mighty** by **Rodman Philbrick** as a class novel. This book won many honors including the ALA Best Books for Young Adults and ALA Recommended Books for Reluctant Readers and tells the story of Kevin and Max, two dynamic characters who learn you can't always judge a book by its cover.

Each student is expected to complete two projects of their choice from the Project List provided. The first project is due by February 20th and the second by March 6th. There is a vocabulary list broken down into 6 sections. Students will be responsible for writing a definition for each of the words and using them in a sentence. There will be spelling quizzes for each section.

The books we will use are part of a set purchased by Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. McMahan. I ask that every student treat the books with care and respect. You may wish to purchase a copy of your own from Borders or [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).

The **Freak the Mighty** study unit will cover a period of weeks during third quarter. Each student will be provided with a folder with pockets and clips. All handouts, vocabulary, etc. will be kept in this folder. Students will continue to work on **Power Words** and ISAT review during this period.

If you have any questions about our study unit, you may email or call me at school. Information will be posted on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade website. Thank you for your help and support. Please sign and return the bottom of this letter tomorrow to indicate that you have seen this letter and understand the expectations for your student.

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the letter explaining the **Freak the Mighty** novel unit for Mrs. Kelly's Literature Classes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_