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Dear Levittown Families of Incoming 9th Graders,

It is hard to believe that we only have a few short weeks left in the school year. Summer is right around the corner! With that being said, we are embarking on our Summer Reading for Summer 2023.

Summer Reading assignments will be posted on the home pages of the high schools as well as the Summer Reading link on the district homepage, and in the stream of their current 8th grade English Google Classroom. We are utilizing the Summer Reading as part of the students' core curriculum when they enter their new grade in the fall.

The requirement that we ask of your child is to read the assigned book Refugee by Alan Gratz. Students must read thoughtfully and be prepared to come into class on September 5, 2023 ready to discuss, share, and write about what they read in this assigned book. Simply skimming the book will not be acceptable. Students are encouraged to use post-its and complete the double-entry chart found on the district's homepage, the high school's homepage, as well as posted in the stream of their current 8th grade English Google Classroom, to gather thoughts and quotes that resonate with them along the way. Please do not highlight or annotate in these books.

The first unit in the 9th grade English class will be based upon the assigned Summer Reading book. As such, the reading must take place prior to the start of classes. First quarter grades will be based, in part, on the class activities and assessments that are associated with the summer reading assignment.

Thank you for your support and encouragement with this initiative. This will help us succeed in getting our students prepared for their new grade level in the fall and encourage the love of reading. I wish you the happiest of summers. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,
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