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Success for Every Student

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Dear Levittown Families of Incoming 9th Graders,

It has been an unprecedented time navigating remote and hybrid learning since last year. Summer is right around the corner! With that being said, we are embarking on our Summer Reading 2021 to maintain routine and consistency for our students.

Summer Reading assignments have been posted on the home pages of the high schools as well as the Summer Reading link on the district home page, 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 2, 2021 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 Graphic Organizer found on the district's home page, the high school's homepage, as well as posted in the stream of their current 8th grade English Google Classroom. 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,
Kerin L. Slattery
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Director of English

Directions: As you read *Refugee* by Alan Gratz this summer, please think about the following details that come up throughout the novel. Complete each section of the graphic organizer for each character you meet in the novel. This graphic organizer is to be handed in to your 9th grade English teacher during the first week of school in September 2021. You may type or neatly hand write your responses.

| | Josef | Isabel | Mahmoud |
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| Initial Impression of Character (ex. What are their characteristics that stand out?) | | | |
| Home Country | | | |
| Religion | | | |
| Daily Survival Challenges | | | |

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| Departure Year | | | |
| Reasons for Leaving | | | |
| Traveling Companions | | | |
| Methods of Transportation | | | |
| Length of Journey | | | |
| Dangers Faced | | | |

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| Destination | | | |
| Connections Between the characters | | | |