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Dear Rising Eighth Grade Student,

Albuquerque Academy values and encourages lifelong reading as well as the enjoyment that comes from discussing books you and your classmates have in common. To that end, the 8th grade English teachers are requiring that all rising eighth grade students read two books – *Refugee* by Alan Gratz and one book from our list of recommended titles, which you can find at <http://albuquerqueacademy.libguides.com/summerreading6789>.

We recommend that you do not read them in early June, or, if you do so, that you reacquaint yourself with them before your arrival at school in August. During the first days, your English teacher will ask you to demonstrate your understanding of both books in the form of class discussions, presentations, essays, book reviews, or projects, so you'll need to be fresh on the details. If possible, please bring the books with you on the first day.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on your reading in August!

Sincerely,

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