

Dear Rising Eighth Graders,

We are excited to learn alongside you in English class this coming year. You will grow immensely as a reader and as a writer, and that growth starts with your summer assignments. Here are a few things we would like for you to complete this summer in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year:

## READING:

- Required Book for Rising 8th Graders: *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario
- Please also read two more fiction or nonfiction books at your reading level. Below is a list of suggested titles, but you do not have to read these books if they are not appealing. Be sure to read a sample or a review online to make sure they're right for you! You can also head over to [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com) and [yournextread.com](https://www.yournextread.com) to find other great books. Please also email Bob Keal (8th) or Will Nicklas (7th) if you are looking for suggestions. We'd love to help!

We will start the year by discussing our summer reading, so please read carefully and enjoy!

### Suggested Fiction Titles:

- *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton
- *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
- *Chaos Walking (Series)* by Patrick Ness
- *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
- *The Journey Back* by Priscilla Cummings (sequel to *The Red Kayak*)
- *Ghost (Series)* by Jason Reynolds
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- *Class Act* by Jerry Craft

### Suggested Nonfiction Titles

- *Escape From Camp 14* by Blaine Harden
- *Enrique's Journey (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother* by Sonia Nazario
- *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

## WRITING:

Choose one of the prompts to answer in a few paragraphs:

- If you could travel to any time, past or future, what year would you go to? What or who would you want to see or learn about?
- What effect do you think social media has on you and the people around you?
- Describe a great way to spend a Saturday.
- What brings you the most joy?

Your response should be typed, titled, double-spaced, using 12-point font. Quality is much more important than quantity.

See you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Bob Keal, Eighth Grade English Teacher