

Dear Rising Seventh 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 7<sup>th</sup> Graders:** *Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz
- **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](http://goodreads.com) to find other great books. Please also email Will Nicklas, [wnicklas@stpaulsmd.org](mailto:wnicklas@stpaulsmd.org), if you are looking for more suggestions.

#### Suggested Fiction Titles:

*Peak* by Roland Smith

*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

#### Suggested Nonfiction Titles

*The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared,*

*Wrecked, and Found* by Martin W. Sandler

*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by J. L. Swanson

*The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up*

*Behind the Iron Curtain* by Eugene Yelchin

*Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle

#### WRITING:

Answer the following prompt in a few paragraphs:

*A wealthy donor plans to build a new facility that will benefit young people in your area. The donor is not sure what kind of facility would be most useful. Write a letter to the donor in which you identify the type of facility you would like to have built and persuade them that it is the best choice. Be sure to support your opinion with convincing reasons and evidence.*

Your response can be handwritten or typed. Quality is much more important than quantity. See you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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