Summer reading is an invitation to explore other worlds and experiences, to discover good authors and good writing, and to enjoy the meaningful act of reading as a leisure activity. The English Department at Rumsey Hall requires all students, new and returning, to participate in summer reading.

We aim to build a community of readers this summer through a “One School-One Theme” reading experience, investigating the experience of refugees from different time periods and from different parts of the world. **All IV-VIth Form students will read Alan Gratz’s New York Times bestseller, *Refugee*.**

Students will participate in discussions about their summer reading experience in English class and will be held accountable for the comprehension of the required title. Moreover, all students will take this singular experience and participate in various community service projects this fall that will benefit refugees and their families from around the globe.

We welcome parents to join in the reading, and we hope that you enjoy your summer reading experience!

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Kolpak
*English Department Chair*

“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”

– Maya Angelou