Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading

Students are required to read **two** books over the summer and complete an activity packet as they read. These packet activities completed over the summer will help prepare each student for additional summer reading activities that will be completed in class the first weeks of school. Students will need to bring their copies of the novels to class the first weeks of school.

A. Everyone will read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and complete the important quotations activity in your packet. Current students will receive this packet before they leave school for the summer, and a pdf copy of this packet is provided here for new students.

B. Students should also choose ONE title from the following list and complete the important quotations activity in your packet. Current students will receive this packet before they leave school for the summer, and a pdf copy of this packet is provided here for new students. Parents, please review and approve your student's choice of book.

1. *The Magician's Nephew* (Book 1 of *Chronicles of Narnia*) by C. S. Lewis
   Genre: Christian Fantasy
   The Magician's Nephew follows two children, Digory and Polly, who use magic rings from Digory's Uncle Andrew to explore different worlds.

2. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
   Genre: Narrative Historical Fiction
   Refugee follows the stories of three different children and their families, each attempting to flee their violent homelands, in different regions of the world and during different decades.

3. *Counting by Sevens* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
   Genre: Realistic Fiction
   Counting by 7s is the story of Willow Chance, a twelve-year-old girl who has been identified at an early age as "gifted." Willow comes home from school one day to the news that her parents have been killed in a traffic accident. What follows is Willow's search to find a place where she belongs.