Rising 8th graders,

I am thrilled to be your English teacher and look forward to our time together as we explore literature. In order to ensure that you are prepared for next school year you will need to complete the assignment listed below over the summer. This assignment will be due on the first day of school and will count as your first grade of the semester.

**Assignment Details**
You will read the novel “The Crossover” by Kwame Alexander. After finishing the novel you will choose **ONE** of several options to demonstrate your learning.

**Summer Reading Assignment Options (CHOOSE 1)**

- Write a poem or song lyrics that connect to your novel. Focus on the plot, characters, and/or personal connections you have with the novel. (*30 lines or longer)

- Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and/or disliked, ask any questions you have about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing you will always remember about this novel and why. (*at least one full page and written in letter format)

- Create a poster detailing the plot of your novel. Include descriptions of the events in the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Write a statement of the main theme with quotes from the novel for support.

- Create an illustrated book cover for your novel. Include a summary of the story that describes the main character and the central conflict.

**For any questions or concerns please contact me at jarivera@philasd.org**

Can’t wait to see you all!!