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Dear Students,

The Eighth Grade Team is making plans to welcome you on Wednesday, September 2. You are expected to read Tears of A Tiger by Sharon Draper as your summer reading book. Feel free to get this book in any of the following ways: purchase one at Barnes & Noble (in store or in-line), Amazon on-line, the Public Library or at a local used bookstore.

**Additionally**, each student is expected to complete *one* of the prompts listed below. You should follow a multiple paragraph composition format (introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion). Type your composition if possible.

**Summer Reading Composition Prompts (Choose ONE)**

1. Major characters in literature change because of the forces that act upon them as well as how the character responds to the forces he/she encounters. From the book, select a major character that undergoes changes. Make sure to discuss his/her initial character, the force(s) that cause the changes(s), and how the character evolves because of the struggles he/she has endured.
2. Conflicts are a struggle between two opposing forces. Conflict intensifies the action of a story and creates suspense for the reader. Discuss the main conflict in this book, show how this conflict is developed in the plot, and explain how the conflict is resolved.
3. An author can reveal his message to the reader in many ways. Some of these methods are direct, and others are subtle. Explain the book's theme (message) as well as how the author communicates this message to the reader.

We are looking forward to a successful 2015-16 school year and meeting you in September! Enjoy your summer.

*The Eighth Grade Team*