

Dear Parents :

I am excited to announce that our classes will be involved in an exciting new reading unit called Adopt-An-Author which places students in direct communication with best-selling authors, in this instance author Steve Alten. You can review Mr. Alten's work at his website:  
[www.SteveAlten.com](http://www.SteveAlten.com)

Mr. Alten's novels are fast-paced thrillers filled with action and science. His first novel, MEG, a N.Y. Times best-seller, was named the #1 book for reluctant readers by the Young Adult Library Services Association. Besides the science, the novels do incorporate the occasional "curse word." If this presents a problem, please let me know.

We invite you to read the novel along with your student as well as communicate with the author, whose personal e-mail is listed on the home page of his website. You will find him very accessible and he always welcomes feedback.

Sincerely,