



Greetings, Parents,

Welcome to 6th grade Language Arts! I am excited to be teaching your child and look forward to increasing his or her skills in reading comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and grammar.

It is my hope that your child will fill his or her summer days with lots of reading. However, I am aware that summer is a busy time for middle school students. I want to make sure your children stay connected over the summer, so I am asking them to read the classic novel *The Cay*, by Theodore Taylor. This is an exciting book about surviving on a desert island, so it is my hope that your child will be both engaged and entertained.

Students should read the book and complete the attached book report form. They will also be assessed on the book when they return to school. Prior to the assessment, we will review key information from the novel, so students need not wait until right before school starts to complete their reading.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at n.arteberry@yahoo.com. Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Arteberry

6th Grade Language Arts Teacher

Student Name: _____

Book Report Form: 6th Grade

** Please fill this form out after reading **The Cay**. You may print this form and write your responses, or you may type the information separately.*

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Setting (time and place): _____

Main Characters: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Describe the main problem of the story. Use complete sentences.

Describe three important events from the story. Use complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Describe how the problem is solved. Use complete sentences.
