

Greetings, Parents,

Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:n.arteberry@yahoo.com">n.arteberry@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Arteberry

6<sup>th</sup> 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 th	e story. Use complete sentences.	
1		
2		
3		
Describe how the problem is solved. Use	complete sentences.	

## **Book Report Form (***continued***)**

List one fact and one opinion from	the story.	
Fact		
Opinion		
Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? In the space below, write at least one paragraph explaining why you would (or would not) recommend this book to a friend. Make sure you have an introductory sentence, a concluding sentence, and at least three reasons why you would (or would not) recommend the book. Use complete sentences and check your spelling and punctuation.		