



7th Grade June 2009 SUMMER READING
Dear Parents and Students of Incoming 7th Grade,

Summer reading! As we wave goodbye to you for the summer vacation, it is my desire that you give reading a top spot on your list of summer activities. Unless students read regularly during the break, it is very probable that they will fall behind about three months in their reading achievement. This is called “Summer Slide”. What can you do to help? Make sure your student reads the assigned books and completes the attached worksheets. This is to be turned in the first week of school in September. This assignment counts as a test grade. Challenge them to complete the summer reading challenge sponsored by our school. The rewards are great! Be a role model for your child. Studies show that students who see adults read daily or weekly tend to read more and have a higher reading score than those who don’t. In addition, studies also show that reading four to five books over the summer can be enough to maintain reading skills.

THE REQUIRED BOOKS FOR ALL INCOMING 7th GRADERS ARE:
The Cay by Theodore Taylor (this book will be lent to your child)
Tangerine by Edward Bloor

These books are available at Barnes and Noble and Border’s. Thank you for your attention. May you have a most enjoyable summer!

Gratefully,

Gracie Connell, Middle School Literature

Try this website: www.scholastic.com/summerreading

Novel Questions for The Cay:

Name: _____
Parent Signature _____

Please answer these questions in complete sentences. This work is due the first week of school.

1. What is the setting of the novel (time and place) ?
2. Who is the protagonist (the good person)?
3. Who is the antagonist (the bad person)?
4. What is the climax (the high point) of this novel?
5. What is the outcome of this climax, or how is the problem solved?
6. In literary terms, there are three types of conflicts. Give one example for each type from the book.

MAN VS. MAN:

MAN VS. NATURE:

MAN VS. HIMSELF:

7. Rate the book. Please give your opinion of this book in 2 or 3 sentences.

