

Fifth Grade Summer Reading
Theme: Journeys
2010-2011

Welcome to your Fifth Grade Journey!

We hope you are all enjoying your summer vacation! Summer is a perfect time to relax, have fun, and read! This summer, we are asking you to read two books. The first is *The Cay*, by Theodore Taylor. It is a great book of adventure and survival. For the **second book**, you may choose a book that is appropriate for your reading level. The library is a great place to visit during the summer, and librarians can offer advice on age-appropriate books and new releases. For **each** of the two books we are asking you to read, you also need to complete the activities described below. *We have copies of The Cay that parents and children may borrow.*

These activities are due on the **FIRST DAY** of school. We will discuss summer reading in school, and students will present their projects to the class. We hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Instructions: **Book Postcards**

1. You will need an 8.5" x 11" piece of construction or card stock paper. On the **FRONT**, you will draw the setting of your story. Please be sure to add color and detail. (Remember, the setting is where and when a story takes place.)
2. On the **BACK** of your postcard, please write a letter to us about your book.
 - a. In the first paragraph, you will write a summary of the book.
 - b. In the second, you will need to pick two of the following questions to answer:
 - i. Which character would you like to be like and why?
 - ii. What is the problem in the story?
 - iii. Predict how you think the problem will be solved.
 - iv. What do you like about this story? Why?
 - v. Why do you think the author gave this title?
 - vi. What does this story make you think about?
 - vii. If you were the main character, would you have done the same things the main character did? Why or why not? What would you have done differently?

A piece of advice: Don't read *The Cay* until the beginning of August. This is a book we will discuss in class, and it will be easier to recall if read later in the summer.

******ALSO**, use the "**sticky note**" system to mark special events, new characters, settings, problems, and solutions. This will help when doing your small project.

We are looking forward to seeing what you choose to read. There are quite a few new books being released over the summer!

If you haven't guessed, we **L-O-V-E** reading. It holds the key to your future!

Your Fifth Grade Teachers