

Summer Reading for Rising 6th Graders:

Over the course of 6th grade, we will be reading various selections from literature that illustrate different types of courage. Additionally, in History, you will be covering ancient societies. In preparation, I would like you to read the following three books:

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Please use post-it notes to mark interesting quotes, passages, and vocabulary as you read each book. We will begin our study of literature with *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Additionally, please complete a response for each book, as detailed below.

Response Questions: For **EACH** book, write a well-developed paper of at least one page, that answers **one** of the following choices. You may choose different questions to respond to for each of your books. Please **attach each paper, typed, double-spaced, on separate pieces of paper to your reading log and turn in the first day of school, August 29th.**

1. What most impressed you about this book? What least impressed you?
2. Which character was most believable and/or memorable? Why?
3. What is the basic theme? What universal appeal does this book have?
4. What has one character learned about himself/herself or about others through his/her experiences in the novel?
5. Describe one important and memorable scene in the novel. Why did you choose this scene?

Reading log -- please record the other books you read over the summer on the attached reading log. You will have minimum of three books! Be sure to include books, magazine articles, and books listened to on tape/CD -- anything that keeps you reading! Enjoy!

