

## Mabry Middle School Grade 6 Summer Reading 2007

Improving reading and writing are important goals at Mabry. Research has shown that the amount and quality of student reading and writing are major factors in student success.

Georgia Performance Standards require all Middle School students to read at least 25 books (of 150 pages or more) during the 2007-2008 school term. **Students must read 3 books** this summer, but may count up to 5 books as part of the reading standard's requirement.

1. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will read The Cay by Theodore Taylor. Answer the Book Chat questions for this book. Be sure you use complete sentences and write well-constructed paragraphs. You will discuss this book and turn in your written work the first week of school.
2. Choose 2 additional books from the list on the back.
3. After the 3 books are read, you may elect to read 2 more books of your choice. Those books may be selected from the list, but they do not have to be from the list.
4. Keep a reading log for all books you read. You may make as many copies of the log as you need. Keep the reading log in a safe place; it is the official record of your summer reading. **No other documentation for reading the books will be accepted.** You must turn in the completed reading log when school begins in August in order to receive credit for reading your books.

### The Cay Book Chat Questions

1. What is your favorite part of the book and why is it your favorite part? (1 paragraph)
2. What message(s) do you think the author is trying to give you as you read the book? (1-2 paragraphs)
3. Describe how the main character changed in the book. Give examples from the book to support your description. (2-3 paragraphs)

## Grade 6 Summer Reading Selections 2007

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Bambi, a Life in the Woods by Felix Salten

Beyond the Deep Woods by Tony DiTerlizzi

A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

Eyes of the Emperor by Graham Salisbury

Far North by Will Hobbs

The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz

The Good Liar by Gregory Maguire

Heidi by Johann Spyri

Hoot! By Carl Hiaasen

Just Ella by Margaret Haddix

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Library Card by Jerry Spinelli

Mary, Bloody Mary by Carolyn Meyer

Midnight Magic by Avi

The Ravenmaster's Secret by Elvira Woodruff

Runt by Marion Dane Bauer

Skeleton Man by Joseph Bruchac

Stowaway by Karen Hesse

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

The Teacher's Funeral by Richard Peck

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

Tyler on Prime Time by Steve Atinsky

## **Mabry Reading Requirements**

Georgia Performance Standards require each student in middle school to read a **minimum of 25 grade level appropriate books** (of 150 pages or more) and/or book equivalents per year (to total approximately one million words).

- Reading is to include fiction and nonfiction books.
- Reading is to include several different genres, and include technical works.
- Reading is to be done in a variety of curricular classes (Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, etc.).
- Reading is to be done throughout the school year.

**All students are expected to meet or exceed the Georgia Performance Standard. Up to 5 summer reading books will count toward the reading standard requirement. The remaining books/equivalents will be read throughout the school year.**

## **Mabry Reading Awards**

The Media Center rewards reading in the following ways:

1. Students who read 25 different books (150 pages or more) receive a reading medal.
2. Students who read 50 different books (150 pages or more) receive a reading medal and a reading trophy.
3. Students who read 100 different books (150 pages or more) receive a reading medal, a reading trophy, a reading plaque, and have their name on the "Mabry 100 Club" plaque, which is displayed in the Media Center.

**A special prize is awarded to the top reader in each grade.**

**ALL books read must be books the student has not previously read. ALL reading must be documented on the reading log. Reading log entries will be used to verify that students meet the Georgia Performance Standard, and to determine eligibility for the various reading awards. Summer reading additional to the 3-5 books counted towards the Georgia Performance Standard will be counted toward the reading awards.**