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Dear Rising Sixth Grader,

Welcome to middle school, and great adventures in literature! Your summer reading will offer you a wonderful opportunity to meet new characters and explore new places through books. If you already consider yourself a reader, your success is assured. If you are a reluctant reader, my mission is to guide you to novels that will hold your interest and make you eager for more. When we meet in August, we will discuss the five books you have read, and compare your reactions and feelings to those of your classmates and teacher. Please follow the instructions below. Email me if you have questions or problems with any aspect of this assignment. If you would like to read a book *not* on the list, I would be happy to consider your request, as long as the book is age-appropriate. Simply email me:

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Yours in the love of literature,

Miss Drew

Required reading:

Each sixth grader will read *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor, and then choose ONE of the following titles:

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

