Grade 6: Due April 15th

Be sure to write the name of your book, date, name and author at the top.

Write a reading journal about a connection that you have with your book. Here is an example. Be careful not to just summarize, but spend time explaining your connection in detail (world, self, text)

Today, I read p. 127 – 132 of **The One and Only** Ivan by **Katherine Applegate**. Ivan told the story of how he and his sister were captured and how he came to live with Mack as a gorilla baby. I had a text-to-world connection. This part of the book made me think about the rules of having wild animals as pets. I didn’t think that people nowadays were allowed to have exotic or wild animals as pets. The only time I think it’s okay is when an animal can no longer live in the wild and survive on their own.

This reminds me of Winter the dolphin. In 2004, I visited the Clearwater Aquarium in Clearwater, Florida. It became famous after I visited because it’s where Winter the dolphin from The Dolphin Tale lives. She was found in that area and it is where she got her prosthetic tale. I agree with places like it because Winter would never be able to survive on her own in the ocean. I don’t think gorillas should be in captivity if they don’t need to be. I am torn about how I feel about zoos because they are an important place that educate many people about animals, but they are still in captivity and sad to see.