Read Chapter 11 of ***The Keeping Room***

**Vocabulary Words:** Students who have their own books are asked to write the definitions in their books in the margins. Students who don’t have their own books will write on sticky notes.

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**Discussion Points:** Students who have their own book will highlight these main points. Plus, they are encouraged to write in their books too. (thinking, thoughts, etc.)

1. Page 127 – ***Why didn’t Joey write an imaginary letter to his father like he has in the previous chapters? Remember the imaginary letters give us an insight to what he is feeling. Pretend you are young Joseph and write an imaginary letter to father.*** **In chapter 11 Joseph does not write a letter to his father, what do you think he would have said to his father if he did? Write a letter to Joseph Sr. from Joseph Jr.**

2. Page 127-128 – See if the students have anything they want to discuss on these pages. Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective. What event is taking place at the beginning of the chapter? Why did the British allow Joseph to attend? If you were Lord Rawdon, would you have allowed Joseph to attend? Would he be punished just like Watkins? Explain your thinking. **What does Joseph mean by “I will see those blue eyes of Captain Harkins always?”** Why is Euven no longer allowed to visit Joey? What season is it now? Why is Joseph a prisoner?

3. Page 129--132 — Discuss any points of interest from the students’ perspective. What does Cato think will beat the British? Describe the event that took place on the 25th of April. Where are the American troops located? Why is Joseph almost able to smile? **What are the British doing in early May?** Why does Cato tell young Joseph to hide himself? Explain. **Why are the floors scarred?** **Why are the British soldiers destroying what’s left behind? *Make a text to text connection to Katie’s Trunk.*** What is your opinion about this rage that has taken place in chapter 11? How many months did the British take over the Kershaw house and the city of Camden, SC? What did the British do with the remaining American prisoners of war? Explain why. On page 131 at the bottom, why does Joseph have a feeling of triumph? On page 132, why does Joseph not run to his family but watches from the doorway? What does Joseph yell to his returning family? How does Joey feel?

4. **In this chapter, the British leave the Camden house. Why do you think the British left the way they did? Do you think if Lord Cornwallis was still there instead of Captain Rawdon, do you think it would be different? Use evidence from the book to support your answer.**

**Have the students create a Venn-diagram comparing the book to *Katie’s Trunk.***