Read Chapter 8 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.

**Smallpox p. 103-106, 108**

**Scrapper p. 109**

**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 103-104 – Discuss the letter. – Short discussion – **Why did Lord Cornwallis & his army leave Camden, SC? Predict where do you think Lord Cornwallis is going? What is happening to the Kershaw family?**

2. Page 104 – See if the students have anything they want to discuss on these pages. Where did Keegan take the Kershaw family? Why? Why won’t the family enter the cabin? Why is Cato being so nice when all the other slaves ran away? Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective.

3. Page 105 -108 Discuss any points of interest from the students’ perspective. Predict what young Joseph is thinking about. What is young Joseph planning? Why is he doing this? What is your opinion of young Joseph’s actions? Why do you think the way you do? Explain and prove your answer with evidence from using the text.

4. Page 109-112 – Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective. What do you think will happen to young Joseph? Why did this happen? If you were Lord Rawdon, what would you have done to young Joseph? Why? Explain. Use evidence from the text. How does young Joseph feel now? Why? Has his feeling changed toward the redcoats? **Describe Joseph’s character/personality traits. Has he changed from the beginning of the story? Yes or no? Describe how. Prove your answer by using evidence in the text.** Where does the Kershaw family go? Why? **\*\*On page 111, why does Joseph say, “Father may not always be right.” Explain his thinking. Has Josephs thinking about his father changed from the beginning of the book? Does this statement interfere with his loyalty to his father? Explain how with using evidence from the text.** Who comes to Joseph’s rescue? Why? Would you help Joseph? Why or why not?

5. Page 112 – Explain why Cato understands misery.

6. Page 103-112 – Why has Cato and Biddy stayed loyal to Mrs. Kershaw? Discuss any other points of interest from the students’ perspective. In this chapter, Lord Cornwallis moved out of the Camden house and Lard Rawdon has moved in. **How does this change the life for the Kershaw family? We are now seeing the charter traits of young Joseph evolving. How is he becoming his own individual and not the same as his father? Use evidence from the chapter to support your thinking?**