



ELLIOTT STREET SCHOOL
2018 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
Entering Grade 5



White Fur Flying By Patricia MacLachlan

GENRE: Realistic Fiction



SUMMARY: A young boy tries to find his voice with the help of some four-legged friends in this “elegantly spare novel about the healing power of dogs and love.” Zoe’s family rescues dogs in need. There is always the sweet smell of dog and a warm body looking to cuddle or play. There is always a new dog to be saved, and loved. Fur flies everywhere. It covers everything. Zoe’s house is never silent. The house across the street is always silent these days. A new family has moved in and Phillip, the boy, has stopped speaking. He doesn’t even want to try. Saving dogs and saving boys may be different jobs, but Zoe learns that some parts are the same. Both take attention and care. They take understanding and time. And maybe just a bit of white fur flying. White Fur Flying is an endearing tale of companionship and hope that is “beautifully told, quietly moving, and completely satisfying”

ASSIGNMENT:

1. Complete one of the pre -reading activities.
2. When finished reading the novel, choose one of the following project ideas: design a play area for dogs, create a Power Point informing your audience about the drawbacks/effects of puppy mills, or create a poster with a slogan, encouraging others to avoid puppy mills.
3. Write a recommendation at the very end.
4. Track the pages read on a daily basis on calendars provided.

Standards: RL. 5.1 , 5.2, 5.3; W.5.10

Activity
Summer Reading Project
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Pre Reading Activities (Please write or type your responses. Select one of the following)
Complete the chosen activity before reading the novel.

1. Have you ever had a pet? Describe how the pet came into your family and what you know (or wonder) about your pet's life before he/she arrived in your home. If you don't have a pet, what pet would you like to have and how might you find such an animal?

2. What types of roles do dogs play in your community? What do you think is a dog's most important role? Elaborate.

After reading the novel select one of the post-reading activities:

Post Reading Activities (select one)

- 1. Great Pyrenees Dog Breed-** Go to the library or go online to research this popular dog breed. Design an outdoor “play” area for this kind of dog. This can be created with a variety of materials, such as wood, cardboard boxes, clay, paint, artificial grass, popsicle sticks, Legos, etc. Remember to include enrichment toys for the dogs to play with and an area for shelter/water.
- 2. Help Out-** Zoe’s family rescued and loved many dogs. Help more unhappy dogs find safe, happy homes by designing an awareness-raising poster. Brainstorm possible poster titles, such as “Don’t Shop at Puppy Mills”, “Adopt a Shelter Pet”, or “Be Kind to Dogs.” You can use paint, markers, color pencils, photographs, or images found online/magazine pictures. Once your decision has been made, create your poster and bring it to school to share your message with your classmates and teachers!
- 3. Research and Present-** “Puppy mills” or ”puppy farms,” are places focused more on breeding dogs for profit (money) rather than their health and safety. Go to the library or go online to find out more information about the problems with many puppy mills. (You can visit www.PAWS.org or www.humanesociety.org). Create a PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation persuading/encouraging dog lovers to avoid puppy mills and why. Make sure your presentation consists of at least 6 slides, **plus** a “work cited” slide where you list the web sites and/or texts you used for your research. Come prepared to share your presentation with your class.

SUMMER READING TRACKER

Jot down the page numbers you have read throughout the months of July and August.

2018 JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2018 AUGUST

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