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Welcome back! Summer fun is wrapping up and it's time for another year of learning. But first, let's take a moment to look back 10 years ago this month, when Katrina came calling on the U.S. Gulf Coast. Even though our young readers won't remember the storm, the lessons learned in its aftermath are valuable for all. We hope our readers will never experience a storm like Katrina, but preparation is the key to surviving any emergency. In this issue we discuss the importance of including pets in emergency plans.



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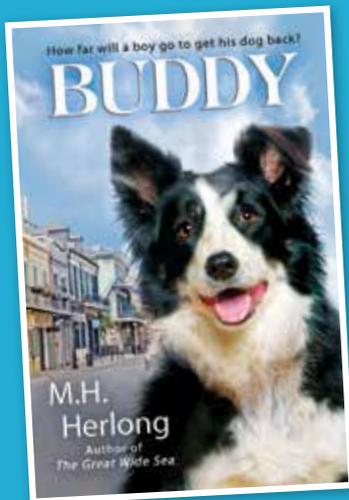
Turn the page for Common Core activities to use in your classroom.

COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

W.5.7 Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. Ask students to research river otters' natural behaviors and use the information to describe skills the river otter at Cape Wildlife Center might need to survive in the wild. Students should explain how the items given to the otter at the center could help her learn those natural behaviors.

SL.5.1c Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others. Engage students in a discussion about two of the laws mentioned in this issue: breed specific legislation and the PETS Act. Remind students that laws are rules that are intended to help people live together safely and peacefully. They set guidelines for what we can and cannot do. Ask: How does including pets in emergency planning help people as well as pets? Moreauville's breed ban was intended to keep citizens safe from dangerous dogs. How will enforcing leash laws instead of banning certain breeds achieve that goal? Do you think city leaders made the correct decision? Why?

BOOK NOOK



Buddy by M.H. Herlong is the perfect supplement to your discussion of the events leading up to and following Hurricane Katrina. A young boy named Lil' T finally gets the dog he has yearned for his entire life only to have to leave him behind when his family evacuates their New Orleans home as Hurricane Katrina approaches. Unable to return for weeks, Lil' T's worst fears about the fate of his three-legged dog

are confirmed when they finally get a chance to view the devastation that was once their home—and Buddy is nowhere to be found. But Lil'T never gives up hope for reuniting with his pet. Along the way, he learns valuable lessons about responsibility, courage and compassion.



ANSWER KEY

Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

Found in most parts of the world, our mystery critter—a squirrel—is among the most familiar wild animals.

Squirrels' small, curious faces and daring acrobatics make them one of the best-loved animals. Ironically, they also rank as some of the least popular, considered by some as "pests" in backyards, attics and gardens. There are a number of squirrel species, including gray, red, fox and flying. 🐿️ Squirrels use their long, bushy tails to balance as they jump and climb, steer as they swim and cover their bodies to keep dry and warm.

They also wave their tails to send signals to other squirrels. 🐿️ Burying seeds and nuts throughout their territory, they're credited with replanting forests. Learn ways to solve common problems without harming squirrels at humansociety.org/kindnews.

Kind Quiz / RI.5.1 FROM PAGE 8

- 1 Squirrels' bushy tail held above the head serves as an umbrella; when wrapped around the body it's a warm blanket; while jumping, climbing or swimming it's a useful rudder; and it's used as a flag to signal other squirrels.
- 2 Wild animals need to learn how to survive in the wild on their own. Relying on or becoming too comfortable around people may put them at risk when they are released back into the wild.
- 3 Cats are natural hunters. When allowed outdoors they may stalk, attack and possibly kill birds and small animals.
- 4 Students' answers will vary.
- 5 The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standard (PETS) Act.
- 6 Students' answers will vary.

Don't Cage Me In! FROM PAGE 7



Online Worksheet

EMERGENCY SCRAMBLE

- 1 Coast
- 2 leave
- 3 safety
- 4 damage
- 5 shelters
- 6 world
- 7 state
- 8 disaster

Students' stories will vary.

