

Dear Parents,

Each month during the year, your child will be responsible for reading a certain genre of book. On the first of each month we will send home a form with the children and they will need to find a book in the genre given for that month. They are to read the book by themselves, with an adult or sibling. When they finish reading they will need to do the project that is attached to the sheet. Books can be found at school, home or at the public library.

October Home Independent Reading Project

During the month of October you will be expected to read a mystery book. These exciting stories often have cliffhangers or interesting clues that make it hard to put the book down. After reading your story please complete the ***FLOW Map*** on the back of this sheet. Select **5 main events** that describe the action in your story. Be sure to fill in the boxes in the order in which they happened.

*****This project is due Monday November 2nd.**

Every story is different, but most stories follow a similar pattern. In the beginning we learn about the **main problem**. In the middle of the story, the problem gets more complicated. This is called **rising action**. Then, the **climax, or peak** of the story happens, followed by the **falling action**, or the solving of the problem. Finally, there's the **resolution, or ending**. These different parts of the plot are known as plot points.

Directions for the back: Each block in the pyramid is one part of the plot. In each block, write the answer to the question. When you are done you will have the main plot of the story.

