

Rising Fifth Graders
(Please look at Novel Matrix at the end of the lists)

Title	Author	R.L
The Sixty Eight Rooms	Malone, Marianne	5.9
Prophet of Yonwood	Duprau, Jeanne	5.0
The Single Shard	Park, Linda Sue	6.6
*Flush	Hiassen, Carl	5.0
Hannah's Winter	Meehan, Kierin	5.8
*Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell, Scott	5.4
Mara Daughter of the Nile	McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	6.0
The Heroic Adventures of Hercules Amsterdam	Haber, Melissa Glenn	5.6
*Peter and the Starcatchers	Barry, Dave	5.2
The Beast of Blackslope (Sequel to The 100 Year Old Secret)	Barrett, Tracy	3.5
*Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon	4.9
A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle, Madeleine	4.7
Ginger Pye	Estes, Eleanor	6.0



NOVEL MATRIX

Select two activities that will be turned in at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

<p style="text-align: center;">Collage</p> <p>Create a collage using pictures. Put the main character's name in the middle of the poster. Find and/or draw pictures that represent the person and/or events in the book. Please have at least five pictures. Write a sentence under each entry explaining how the picture relates to the story.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Letter to Character</p> <p>Write a letter to your favorite character in the book. Tell him/her what you like about him/her, ask questions about events in the book, and make a self-to-text connection with the character.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Change the Ending</p> <p>Write a different ending to the story.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Write a paragraph telling how the book really ended. 2) Write a new ending to the story.
<p style="text-align: center;">Design a Book Jacket</p> <p>Create a new cover for the front of the book. Include a scene or scenes from the book that are significant to the story. Be sure to put your name as the illustrator of the new cover. Include the original title of the book on your cover.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Timeline</p> <p>Create a timeline about the life of the main character. It should depict events throughout the story. Please include at least ten events.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book Review</p> <p>Write a book review about the novel. In your review, state and explain <i>your point of view</i> about the quality of the novel and provide specific details about why you would or would not recommend this novel to other students your age.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Author Biography</p> <p>Write a biography about the author of the book. Include information about his/her childhood and adult life. Include any interesting facts or details that you find.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Draw Favorite Scene</p> <p>Draw your very favorite scene in the book. Write a brief description, of at least five sentences, about the scene and tell why you liked it so much!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Five Words</p> <p>Identify and connect at least five words from the novel. Explain why you think the author chose these words when writing? Why did you choose these words?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Similes</p> <p>Write examples of at least five similes found in the book. Illustrate or write a description for each.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meaningful Quotes</p> <p>Choose five quotes from the story that you think hold a lot of meaning. Write the quotes and explain why you think they are so meaningful.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vivid Descriptions</p> <p>Pick three parts of the book that were especially graphic in your mind and explain why? What mental picture did you get as you read? Draw the vivid image or write a description using vivid language.</p>