The Haunting of Hillside School

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*Discussion Questions*

1. What season does the story take place in? Give three details from chapter one that the author used to show this.
2. Nettie was one of many children who died of the flu during the early 1900s. Mr. Wellbeck called it a pandemic. Complete a Frayer chart for the word pandemic.
3. On page 31, one of the kids used the idiom ‘free as birds.’ What does that mean and how did you figure it out?
4. Jeff and David’s father was killed by an avalanche. Make a three column **KWL** chart for avalanches. Write what you **K***now* about them in the first column. Write **W***hat* you would like to know about them. Then find five facts and complete the last column by writing what you **L***earned* about them.
5. Mr. Wellbeck calls the kids LOLLYGAGGERS on page 11. What are some other nicknames he used throughout the book. Write at least three.
6. On page 87, Claire says something is a terrible kerfluffle. It’s not a real word and can’t be found in the dictionary. What do you think the word means and how did you figure it out?
7. Sophie like Hillside school. What are some positive attributes the school has?
8. What is the plan to save Hillside school and prevent it from being torn down?