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## Squirrel in the House

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Themes: Animals/Fiction, Humor  
Recommendations: K, SLJ

### CCSS Codes:

L.3.3, 3a, 3b, 4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, 5a, 5c

RF.3.3, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4, 4a, 4c

SL.3.1, 1c, 1d, 2, 4, 6

W.3.3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 5, 6, 8, 10

RL.3.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10

### About the Book

A gleefully oblivious Squirrel narrates this rib-tickling chapter book about how he turns a family get together upside-down.

Squirrel, the chief mischief maker from *8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel + 1 Dog = Chaos*, is ready to party. He enters Cuddles-the-dog's house through a special entrance for squirrels on the roof, aka the chimney. Holiday festivities are soon in shambles, and Cuddles, the presumed culprit, is banished to the basement. Meanwhile, the littlest human runs away into a snowstorm unnoticed by everyone except Squirrel. Long-suffering Cuddles must team up with the willfully obtuse Squirrel to rescue the child in this comical story told from a squirrel-centric point of view.

### Classroom Discussion Questions with CCSS:

1. Discuss the point of view of the story. How would the story change if the dog were telling it? RL.2-3.6
2. Rewrite a part of the story from the Dog's point of view. RL.2-3.6/W.2-3.3, 10
3. How does Vivian Vande Velde create humor in the book? Explain how specific words and phrases impact the meaning and tone of *Squirrel in the House*? What part of the story did you think was funny? RL.2-3.1, 4, 5
4. Write an explanatory text telling how Squirrel and Dog's relationship changes from the beginning to the end of the story? What events led to this transformation? What do you think will happen next? RL.2-3.3/W.2-3.2, 7, 8