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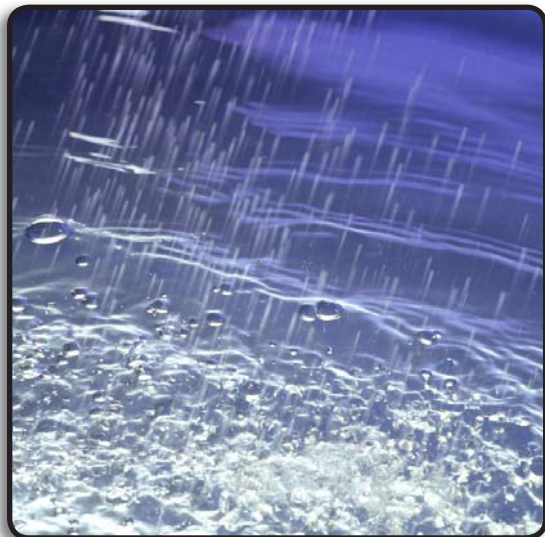
Junior High Flood Lesson

1. What would you call a flood that, on average, occurs only once every 100 years? _____
2. What is a good slogan to remind people to be floodsafe?

3. Draw a map of your neighborhood on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to include the closest creek and an escape route if the creek overflowed its banks and came dangerously close to your home.
4. Make a list of the steps you should take to protect your home from flooding.
1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
5. Does your family have a disaster plan in case of flooding?
Yes/No If no, work with your family to make one. Write your family flood plan here.



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- _____
6. Show the other side of this sheet to your parents. Has either of your parents or guardians ever experienced a flood? Yes/No If yes, write their story here.



Use the water district's Web site to answer the following questions (www.valleywater.org):

7. When do you need sandbags?

8. Where is the closest location to your home to pick up sandbags?

9. What is the current flow in the creek nearest your home today? _____

**Floods can devastate lots of things.
Like your commute.**



Calm advice

FROM CHARLES "CHICKEN" LITTLE

- Never drive through flooded areas.
- Never walk, play or swim in floodwater.
- Learn the best route to high ground.
- Keep your car's gas tank full.

For more flood safety tips, visit
valleywater.org

It's flood season again. Fortunately, the Santa Clara Valley Water District has been out clearing waterways and maintaining levees to help minimize flood damage to local roads, homes or businesses. Questions about protecting your family and property? Call 408-265-2600. Or get real-time updates by texting "WATER" to 84444.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the rainy season upon us, it is time to think about flood safety. Floods are the most common and widespread of all natural hazards. Even very small creeks and streams that may appear harmless in dry weather can flood.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District provides information to help individuals and families prepare for floods and minimize potential danger. During the rainy season, the water district also provides free, filled sandbags at various locations around the county. It is important to remember that irrespective of where we live, the roads we travel on may flood. Therefore, everyone needs to understand what to do if this happens.

Flood safety tips:

- Stay away from flooded areas, even if it seems safe. The water may still be rising.
- If you come upon floodwater, stop. Turn around and go another way. Climb to higher ground.
- Never try to walk, swim or play in floodwater because it may be moving very fast. (NOTE: Less than six inches of fast moving floodwater can knock people off their feet. Two feet of water will float a car.)
- If you are in a car, get out immediately and move to higher ground.
- Stay away from all downed power lines.

For flood-preparation, flood-safety information and sandbag locations, call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at (408) 265-2600 or visit www.valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



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