This is my most complicated riddle hunt so far. It is not as much of a hunt, as it is a series of riddles and codes that need to be deciphered in order to know some secrets from the story.

The “Dear Class Letter” was used after reading page 121 in the book. I set the scene for this part of the riddle hunt by bringing in an old suitcase, filling it with odds and ends that look like they are Hugo’s, and placing the letter in the open suitcase for my kids to find in the room. I then hid “Secret #1” in the odd and ends in the suitcase.

“Secret #2” is also used in the suitcase again, but this time it is used before reading chapter 6. I also printed the page out, rolled it like a scroll with a twine tie, and burned the edges of the paper.

“Secret #3” should be read after reading page 351 in the book. You can make it fall out of the book as you are doing your read aloud.

Enjoy!

Ian

Dear Class,

As I write this note, I am in quite a hurry. It seems that I have many secrets, but only so much time to tell them.

I am afraid that the secrets I want to be revealed must be in a code. If you solve all three of them, you will know all you need.

Good Luck,

Hugo Cabret

The first puzzle is closer than you think.

Secret #1

If A=1,

Then you have just begun,

With letters and numbers the truth will be known,

If **bold** then a double digit,

Don’t give up stick with it,

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Secret #2 will be harder to find,

A strange font this is, but give it some time,

You have a computer, and Microsoft Word,

Find the font, Windings 3, just be assured,

Type till you match up the code, don’t give me a groan,

Then highlight and change to a new font, and the message will be known.

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Don’t forget some letters might be capital letters.

Secret #3

You are lucky to have computers, for kids like me did not,

I have heard of a website, I almost forgot,

<http://www.youthonline.ca/spykids/bldecodingring.shtml> go there

You have so little time to spare.

If you type it in right, your words will be great,

Don’t forget the key, I think it is 88.

**“bmbm sqadsq ime m ymsuoumz mzp ime rmyage rad ymwuzs yahuqe.”**