



October is here!

We are sure thankful for the cooler weather!

Safety Village Trip

We are off to the Safety Village on October 12th. Grade 1 will learn about personal and road safety and they will have a chance to drive the battery-powered jeeps in the mini-village (weather permitting). Grade 2 will learn about fire safety. Volunteers are most welcome! Please complete and return the Volunteer Form that is coming home today to those who indicated they could come! Please return trip forms and/or pay on-line, if you haven't already done so. Thank you!



Pizza Days

Tuesday pizza days are coming to James Hillier. Orders must be placed and paid for on-line. A huge thank you to School Council for all the hard work that goes into making these special food days possible! Yum! 😊 (If you are having difficulty paying on-line, please contact Mrs. Dalby in the office to see if she can help.)

Here's What's New in Grade 1/2!

October 2017

Important Dates:



Please complete and return any outstanding school forms ASAP! Thanks!

P/A Day – October 3 - No School Today

Thanksgiving Day – October 9th – No School Today

Book Orders Due – October 11

Safety Village Trip – October 12 - PM

Picture Retakes – October 27

****Please put a note in agendas on this date, if your child needs a picture retake.**

Halloween Parade & Party – October 31st

STAY IN THE LOOP!

Here's how to keep up to date on what's happening Grade 1/2!

- Check the Agenda every day.
- Newsletters will come home in the first week of each month.
- A Calendar will be glued in your child's agenda at the start of each month.
- School Website:
www.granderie.ca/schools/jameshillier
(Newsletters will be posted here too.)

Book Bags

Thank you for reading the books sent home. I am happy to see you recording other books too on the reading log! I will do my very best to help the students switch out their books quickly – but sometimes things get busy and

I might not get to them the same day. Thank you for your patience. The boys and girls are working on assuming responsibility for switching out their books too! **TIP:** Students are encouraged to read each book often, as rereading familiar text helps build sight word vocabulary. Every reading counts as an entry on the reading log too! 😊 **Reading volunteers will hear from me soon!**

Running Shoes

Just a reminder that gym is every Day 1 & 5. Students must wear running shoes for gym. Please send in a pair of running shoes to leave at school for gym, if you haven't had a chance to do so. Thank you!

Halloween Celebrations

Students are invited to wear their costume to school on Tuesday, October 31. We will have a costume parade around the playground too. Please note that costumes may not depict violence or blood/gore and weapons are NOT permitted. Volunteers are needed on this walk and police checks are required. Our Halloween party will be in the afternoon. You are most welcome to send in store bought, healthy (or sweet) treats to share with the class. Thank you in advance for making our party day extra special. It should be a very fun day!!

Raz-Kids

Raz-Kids is coming! This fun, interactive online reading website is a great way to get kids excited about reading with access to lots of levelled books with incentives built in to keep them motivated. Once I receive our login information, I will be able to set up accounts for students. I will put each child's login on the inside of their agenda cover for easy access.

Curriculum Connection

Language: Our literacy centres are up and running! The students are focused on letter/sound associations and words they know (or can find) in their writing. Reading is taking place at the listening centre, during Independent and Buddy reading and our "travelling readers" visit the office and other teachers to show off their reading skills with our Poem Books. Introducing **reading strategies** will be a focus this month. (You can find a copy of these in your child's book bag).

WOW words (Words of the Week) begin! Please check your child's agenda on Mondays and practice spelling the words together for a few minutes each day. There will be a quiz each Friday!

Math: We are winding up our numeracy unit. We have been composing and decomposing numbers. The students really enjoyed using Base 10 materials to create really big numbers! We even tried our first "MART" (math + art) project. We will be moving on to sorting items by their attributes and then patterning!

Social Studies/Science: Big Idea: The Global Community. Grade 2 has been exploring different types of communities and will begin comparing their lives with the lives of kids from around the world. Grade 1 is joining Mrs. Metcalfe's class. They are learning about community helpers.

Art: We have been experimenting with line. Colour and Space are up next!

Have a great month!

Mrs. Laura Dudley

