

December News – Grade 3/4

Curriculum Connections:

Language:

Writing - Students will be learning how to write persuasive letters. Our final task will be a letter to Santa!

Reading - Students will focus on visualizing as the reading comprehension strategy this month. There are so many rich texts to explore this time of the year.

Media – Students will produce a variety of formats over the coming weeks. (e.g. movie posters, book covers, etc).

Oral – Many students are struggling with basic listening skills...this will be the focus for the month of December. I will contact any parents further if need be,

Math: **Data Management**

Students will gather, record and present data in a variety of tables, charts, and graphs.

Science: - **Grade 3** – Growth and Changes in Plants

Grade 4 – Habitats (Grade 4s to Mrs. Wilson)

So far the transition of students has gone very smoothly. We are enjoying our time together!

Drama: Plays

We will continue to work on this larger project.

Students will work in small groups to write a short script to show a scene from The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. They will write the script and design costumes and sets.

December is such a fun time here at James Hillier School. You will find a calendar on the back of this newsletter outlining the activities and special dates that are coming up. Please only do what you feel you can. It is certainly a very busy time for everyone! Take time to enjoy a special book, walk or movie together.

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Season:

Hat and Mitten Drive: The hat and mitten drive runs from December 1 to December 15. Please send in hats and mittens to put on our tree in the front hall.

Toy Drive: We are collecting toys for those in need. Please think of our older kids too. This is an area they have expressed a need for.

Cereal Drive: As you are able, please send a box of cereal to help the food bank in Hagersville. We are teaming up with Lloyd S. King Elementary to support our neighbours.

Concert: Once again students will be presenting the best Concert in town!!! The Concert will be held on December 20, show times 9 am, 2pm, and 6:30pm.

12 Days of Christmas

Please find the calendar attached for all the exciting days that will come this month!!!

Cookies with Santa

School Council has invited Santa to join us on December 7th. Cookies will be served to all students and on the 7th students may give their donations to Santa's helpers in the gym.