

MARCH NEWS 2018

March 12-16 March Break
March 19 Book Club Order Due
March 31 Good Friday

Volunteers – important information

If you want to volunteer at James Hillier School, including volunteering to go on field trips, you will now need **two** important pieces of documentation. 1) a valid police check and 2) a certificate printed out stating that you have completed the A.O.D.A module (accessibility Ontario).

Starting March 31st, the office will need **both** pieces of information. To complete the Ontario Accessibility Module and print off your certificate that you have done it, you will need to go on line. The website is in the school news letter, and can be found on the school website.

All volunteers must complete the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Declaration (A.O.D.A), mandatory training available at:

<http://www.granderie.ca/board/elementary/parentportal/volunteers>

When you complete the training, please print out the certificate, and send a copy to the school office.

Book Orders

Book orders are due March 19th.
Paying by cheque, or on-line on the Scholastic website helps with the processing of the orders, and is the preferred method of payment.

Book Clubs

At the end of February, the grade threes started their first round of book clubs! Students chose books, and were put into groups based on the book they chose. The students meet each week to discuss each section of the book that they have read. At their meetings the students participate in student-led conversations about their thinking, and assist each other to stay on track with their reading, and completing their response page. I'm so proud of the independence they have shown, their time management, and how they have been encouraging each other. Once the students have had four meetings, and finished reading their books we will celebrate with a little snack during their final meeting.

Show and Share

In March, students will begin Show and Share. This will be part of their oral language mark. Students will be learning how to communicate clearly so that others are able to understand their message. At home, students will be expected to prepare a short presentation (about 2 min) on a topic they want to teach the class about. Some examples of topics are: a sport, a country, a trip they have been on, a favourite animal, a favourite activity, a famous person they admire, etc. Students should practice saying their presentation at home, before presenting at school so that they will be able to speak fluently and confidently on their topic.

The speaking skills that we will be targeting are: appropriate volume, appropriate pace, speaking clearly, using non-verbal cues (eye contact, gestures, facial expressions), expression, and using a visual aid to enhance the presentation.

We will also be practicing these oral language skills in class through activities like, shared reading, poetry presentations, and reader's theater.

I have attached the schedule for March's Show and Share. If there is a conflict with your child's date (doctor appointment, vacation), please let me know and we can try and switch things around.

Please let me know if there are any other questions or concerns.

MARCH SHOW AND SHARE SCHEDULE

March 19 : Sully, Izzy, Callum, Jenna

March 20 : Blake, Bella, Annika, Natalie

March 21: Liam, Reese, Marley, Noah

March 22: Cameron, Georgia, Morgan, Olivia

March 23: Evan, Isabell, Abbey, Griffin

News From Mrs. Getty

As we move into March, we will be working all month on a fun Health activity! The students will be teaming up to make their own board games! They will be free to plan it out how they wish surrounding the topic of substance abuse. At the end, we will move around the room and play each others' games. I look forward to seeing how creative everyone gets with these! Keep up the great work friends!

We will be working on

- ☺ **Reading:** book clubs, reading fluency (pay attention to punctuation, pace, expression, and accuracy when reading aloud), inferences
- ☺ **Oral Language:** show and share presentations
- ☺ **Writing** – narratives (stories), writing dialogue using quotation marks
- ☺ **Math:** Measurement -time to the nearest 5 minutes, solving problems in relation to days, months, year, and time, Number Sense and Numeration - division facts to 49 divided by 7, fractions of a set
- ☺ **Social Studies:** Early Settlers
- ☺ **Art:**

Websites for at home practice

Telling Time

<https://ca.ixl.com/math/grade-3/read-clocks-and-write-times>

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/clock_shoot.htm

Division

<https://ca.ixl.com/math/grade-3/divide-by-counting-equal-groups>

Fractions of a Set

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/fractions/fractionSet.htm>

Ways to Stay in Touch

There are several ways to keep in touch and stay up-to-date with what is happening in our classroom.

- 1) Email – susan.eddy@granderie.ca
- 2) Remind – this is a message service that allows you to receive text messages or e-mail reminders and up dates. This service is private. I will not know your cell number and you will not know mine.

Text – send the message @b8d48k to the number (514)400-9191

Email – send an e-mail without a subject to b8d48k@mail.remind.com

- 3) Agendas

