

## APRIL NEWS 2018

April 5 ..... Pioneer School Day  
April 13 ..... PD Day  
April 23 ..... Book Order Due

### Book Orders

Book orders are due April 23rd. Paying by cheque, or on-line on the Scholastic website helps with the processing of the orders, and is the preferred method of payment.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

### FYI – upcoming events

Swim to Survive will be in June, more information, as well as exact dates and permission forms will be handed out in May (it is a free trip!)

EQAO will be happening at the end of May/first week of June. Exact dates and more information will be given soon.

### Book Clubs

At the end of March, the grade threes finished their first round of book clubs! Students chose books, and were put into groups based on the book they chose. The students met each week to discuss each section of the book that they have read. At their meetings the students participated in student-led conversations about their thinking, and assisted each other to stay on track with their reading, and finishing their response page. We ended our first round of book clubs with a little “celebration” snack!

We are now starting our second round of book clubs, with new books and new groups!

### Show and Share

I was so very proud of the students and their show and share presentations! Presenting in front of a group can be a rather difficult task, and I'm so glad that everyone took the risk and rose to the challenge. We are going to put a hold on Show and Share for the month of April, because we are going to be working on our upcoming Reader's Theater presentations! Show and Share will return again in May, so start brain storming a topic to teach the class about! ☺

### Robert Munsch Reader's Theater

We are going to shortly begin practicing for our Reader's Theater presentations! Through month of April we will be working on learning our lines, blocking out the actions in our plays, gathering props, and planning out backgrounds. We will present our plays to other classes, and parents in May. The dates and title of the plays will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

### News From Mrs. Getty

Spring has sprung and we are moving right along in Music and Health! We started planning out our Health board games before March Break, so now we will spend some time putting them together and then playing each others' games. In Music, we are continuing with our reflections on different songs and how they make us feel. We will then move on to learn about instruments and as time permits, talk about some Canadian music. I look forward to another terrific month with Grade 3! ~Mrs. Getty

### We will be working on .....

- ☺ **Reading:** book clubs
- ☺ **Oral Language/Drama:** Reader's Theater
- ☺ **Writing** – continuing story writing using dialogue, beginning poetry
- ☺ **Math:** Patterning & Algebra – finding the missing number in equations involving 1 and 2 digit numbers, determine inverse relationship between addition and subtraction (fact families), investigate the properties of 0 and 1 in multiplication, Number Sense and Numeration – use estimation when solving problems involving addition and subtraction to help judge reasonableness of a solution
- ☺ **Social Studies:** Early Settlers

### Websites for at home practice

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/matching/AdditionX.htm>

<https://ca.ixl.com/math/grade-3/multiply-by-0>





