

James Hillier Public School

Grade 5/6 News

September 2018

Ms. Clarke



*Welcome Back Everyone!*

I hope everyone had a great summer. I am very excited about the upcoming year and know our time together will be awesome.

Just a few notes about our class:

**Agendas-** students will be using the agenda to record notes regarding upcoming events, homework etc. on a daily basis. I will be checking the agenda each day for notes from home and encourage you to check the agenda daily as well. I will also be using the Remind app as a communication tool, along with email. Here is my address [maureen.clarke@granderie.ca](mailto:maureen.clarke@granderie.ca). On the following page, there is space provided for you to record your email address. I believe the communication between home and school is essential for the success of your child. In addition to the agenda, there will be a monthly newsletter sent home sharing information about our class.

**Gym class-** students will be participating in gym class on days 1 and 3. Students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes for gym which can be left in the classroom. \*Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle as well.

**Class schedule-** enclosed is a copy of our schedule. Throughout the day, students will have opportunities for learning as a whole group, in small groups, with a partner and independently. In math, we will begin the year, learning how to represent, compare and order whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and % (for grade 6). Students will be determining the main idea in texts and writing in a variety of styles. Grade 5 students will be learning about Properties and Changes in Matter, in science. Grade 6's will be learning about Space. Please note, on day 5, I have scheduled 'genius hour'. This is an opportunity for your child to explore a topic of their choice, spending time during this hour to research the topic before creating a project to present to the class. Consider talking to your child about what they might explore.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PA Day- 14<sup>th</sup>

Meet the Teacher- 18<sup>th</sup>.

Picture Day- 19<sup>th</sup>

*"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."*

*Anthony J. D'Angelo*

At any time, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to seeing you at Meet The Teacher!

Sincerely,

*M. Clarke*

