

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWS

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! There are so many interesting and fun things to learn in grade two and grade three. I look forward to meeting everyone at Meet the Teacher Night on September 18th.

Mrs. Eddy ☺

Agendas

Agendas will be \$5.00 this year, which is payable through School Cash Online. The agenda is an important communication tool between home and school. We will be using the agendas every day to write important messages, reminders, and information. We will use the front pocket to send papers home in. It is also a quick and easy way to send messages to school.

Please be sure to check and sign your child's agenda each night.

Important Dates

September 14 PA Day
September 18 Meet the Teacher 4:30-6:00
September 27 Terry Fox Walk
September 19 Picture Day

Health, Dance, Music and Gym

The class is very lucky to have Ms. Dudley and Mrs. Sabatino as part of the grade two/three teaching team.

Mrs. Dudley will be teaching the class music and health on days 1, 3, and alternating day 5s. Mrs. Sabatino will be teaching the class gym day 2 and 4, and dance on alternating day 5s. Please be sure to have proper gym shoes on day 2 and 4.

Ways to Stay in Touch

There are a few 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 @mrseddy23 to the number (514)400-9191

Email – send an e-mail without a subject to mrseddy23@mail.remind.com

- 3) Agendas – please check and sign your child's agenda each night

At Home Practice Bags

In the upcoming weeks, I will be sending home an "At Home Practice Bag" with your child. This bag will contain items to work on with your child at home, practicing the skills we are learning in class. Some examples of what may be in the bag are, a book at your child's reading level, a list of sight words, a list of words with the "chunk" we are currently studying, word games, word sorts, math work.

The bags will be send home on Monday, to be returned the following Monday morning.

I will also include in each monthly newsletter some links to online games and activities that are relevant to what we are learning in class. This is another way to practice at home. 😊

Websites for At Home Practice

Base 10

www.Abcya.com/base_ten_fun.htm

www.abcya.com/base_ten_bingo.htm

Comparing Numbers

www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/menus/comparingnumbers.htm

www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/placevalue/FSCompareNumbers.htm

Scholastic Book Orders

I will be sending home the September Scholastic Book orders in the next couple weeks. I will only be accepting orders which have been paid either **on-line** on the Scholastic Site (instructions how to do this are on the book orders), or by **cheque**.

I will not be accepting orders paid with cash. Thank you for your understanding. James Hillier is working toward being a "cashless" school.

Forms, Forms, and More Forms!

At the beginning of the year you will have many, many forms coming home to be signed. For example, current information forms, computer use forms, nutrition break forms and the list goes on and on!

Please complete, sign and return these forms as soon as possible so that the office has the most up-to-date information. There's often a prize for the first class to have all of their forms in to the office. 😊

We will be working on.....

- ☺ learning classroom and school routines and procedures
- ☺ getting to know our classmates
- ☺ “Growing our Brains” by learning about having a growth mind set and being in charge of our own learning
- ☺ Reading: choosing a “just right” book, refreshing our decoding and reading strategies
- ☺ Writing: spelling strategies, how to transfer word study skills to daily writing, journals (printing legibly, finger spaces, capitals at the beginning of sentences, and punctuation at the end, writing that makes sense, strong opening and solid closing sentences, using a variety of words)
- ☺ Math:
 - Gr 2 - numbers and place value to 100
 - Gr 3 – numbers and place value to 1000
- ☺ Social Studies:
 - Gr 2 - Global Communities,
 - Gr 3 – Living and Working in Ontario
- ☺ Art: Line – different types (horizontal, vertical, diagonal, pointy, curvy), different varieties (thick, thin, dotted), lines inside of shapes

School Supplies

Some supplies that your child may find helpful to have:

- pencils
- erasers
- small sharpener
- coloured pencils, markers
- small pencil case
- glue stick
- calculator

Grade two/three students **do not** need to bring binders, duotangs, coil ring notebooks, or lined paper.

The classroom is always in need of:

- boxes of Kleenex
- plastic spoons
- napkins/paper towels
- zip lock bags (any size)

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).

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.