

James Hillier Public School

Grade 5/6 News

December 2018

Ms. Clarke



Dear Parents,

December is proving to be a very busy month in Grade 5/6!

Students will be practicing every day for our recorder performance in the Christmas Concert. It would be great for students to practice at home as well. If students do not have a recorder to use at home, they could use their music text to help them learn the notes they will be playing for the performance.

**For this month,** in math, we will be completing our unit on linear measurement and area. Our next math focus will be Data Collection and Interpretation. We will be learning how to represent data in different ways, discussing patterns we see in the data, and use mean, median and mode to describe the data.

For literacy, students will be; generating ideas about topics using a variety of strategies and resources; writing more complex texts; making revisions to improve the content, clarity, and interest of their written work, using several types of strategies; making inferences about texts using stated and implied ideas from the texts as evidence; extending their understanding of texts by connecting the ideas in them to their own knowledge and experiences and to other texts and the world around them; recognizing and identifying bias in articles; demonstrating an understanding of the information and ideas in a variety of oral texts.

We are reading the novel called Fish In a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Once we are finished reading the novel, students will be invited to develop a script based on an event in the book. Each group of students will be responsible for writing, and presenting their script to the class. This includes practicing the play, creating backdrops and costumes for their skit. Our performances may take place in January, due to time limitations.

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent teacher interviews, it was great to meet you and share the learning of your child. Have a wonderful holiday!!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Hat Day – 10<sup>th</sup>

Mitten Tree Donation- 11<sup>th</sup>

Trip to BCI- 12<sup>th</sup>

Dress Like a Present Day- 13<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Card Day/Skating- 14<sup>th</sup>

Sock Day- 17<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Sweater Day- 18<sup>th</sup>

Concert- 19<sup>th</sup>

Red and Green Day- 20<sup>th</sup>

Karaoke and Pajama Day- 21<sup>th</sup>

At any time, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

*M. Clarke*



