

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWS

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. There are so many fun things to learn in grade two! I look forward to meeting everyone at Meet the Teacher Night on September 19th.

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 13 PA Day

September 19 Meet the Teacher 4:30-6:00

TBA Terry Fox Walk

TBA Picture Day

Health, Dance, Music and Gym

The class is very lucky to have Ms. Dudley and Mrs. Sabatino as part of the primary 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 @mrseddysg to the number (514)400-9191

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

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

Homework

In the upcoming weeks, I will be sending home a reading bag with your child. The bags will be sent home on Monday, to be returned the following Monday morning. This gives you a week with the reading bag. When the bags are returned, your child gets to put a sticker on their chart. When they have filled a row on their chart with stickers they may choose a prize from the prize bin.

There will also be a weekly word list written in your child's agenda. Please practice these words with your child through the week, as there will be a word check (dictation) at the end of the week.

Occasionally, I may send other work home such as, math practice.

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. 😊

Scholastic Book Orders

The September book order is due on Sept. 20th. You are able to pay **on-line** using the Scholastic Site (instructions how to do this are on the book orders), or by cheque.

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/FSCCompareNumbers.htm

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 is often a prize for the first class that has all of their forms to the office. 😊

Super Star Student

Each day a different member of the class will get to be our "Super Star Student." The Super Star gets fun privileges such as, using the star chair, the special star markers, being the line leader, dining at a friend's desk during nutrition break time, and presenting a show and tell.

Your child's show and tell does not have to be a big presentation. It could be showing a favourite small toy, and explaining why your child likes that toy. Another example is showing a picture, and explaining what is happening in the picture (a trip, sports event etc.) The purpose of the show and tell is to practice speaking skills (speaking clearly, using an appropriate volume, and speed) as well as, listening skills when other students are presenting.

Please check the monthly calendar that is attached to each monthly newsletter so that you know when it is your child's "Super Star Student" day.

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, decoding and reading strategies
- ☺ Writing: spelling strategies, writing sentences, journals (printing legibly, finger spaces, capitals at the beginning of sentences, and punctuation at the end)
- ☺ Word Work: short a, i, and u words
- ☺ Math: numbers and place value to 100
- ☺ Science: Growth and Change in Animals
- ☺ Art: Line – different types (horizontal, vertical, diagonal, pointy, curvy), different varieties (thick, thin, dotted)

School Supplies

Some supplies that your child may find helpful to have:

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

Grade two 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)

Nutrition Break Times

Nutrition breaks are broken up in to two twenty minute periods. The first twenty minutes is the eating portion, the second twenty minutes is for outside play time. This year there are new times for our two nutrition breaks.

The first nutrition break will be from 11:00-11:40. The second nutrition break will be from 1:20-2:00.

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.