

James Hillier Public School

Grade 5 News

February 2020

Ms. Clarke



Dear Parents,

**For this month**, in math, we will be completing our unit on patterning and algebra. 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 data, and use mean, median and mode to describe the data. Please note, we will continue to develop our multiplication skills. Students are encouraged to use the mathspace online program to help develop automatic recall of facts to  $12 \times 12$ .

For literacy, students will be; analyzing texts and explaining how various elements in them contribute to meaning (narrative: characters, plot, mood, theme, non-fiction: introduction, body, conclusion), reading a variety of texts from diverse cultures, identifying the point of view presented in texts; asking questions to identify missing or possible alternative points of view, and suggesting some possible alternative perspectives, identifying and ordering main ideas and supporting details and group them into units that could be used to develop several linked paragraphs, identifying elements of their writing that need improvement, using feedback from myself and peers, with a focus on specific features (e.g., using some vivid and/or figurative language, using an appropriate voice in their writing, varying sentence types), writing more complex texts; making revisions to improve the content, clarity, and interest of their written work.

For science, we will be beginning a new science unit on Human Body Systems. Students will be investigating the structure and function of the major organs of various human body systems and analyzing the impact of human activities and technological innovations on human health. There may be an assigned project at the end of this unit. Please watch for more information in student agendas.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Groundhog Day- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Valentine's Day- 14<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Sincerely, *M. Clarke*