## Welcome to Hampton Elementary School! Bienvenue!

Our mission is to: Help and believe in Each student so that he or she can reach their highest potential in a Safe, supportive, inclusive environment

### At HES all staff will:

**B**e safe, supportive and inclusive **Encourage student success** Lead with a "Can Do" attitude **I**nvest in school pride Engage students in personal challenges Value risk taking and confidence Expect students to succeed





Peanut/Nut free school Å Scent Free Space NO SCENTED PRODUCTS PLEASE!



#### ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-17 SCHOOL CALENDAR

| 2016<br>August | 29          | Administration Day for Staff   |
|----------------|-------------|--|
|                | 30-31       | Council Days for Staff   |
| September      | 1<br>5<br>6 | Administration Day for Staff<br>Labour Day – No Classes<br>All Kindergarten children will enter school through a staggered entry process on September 6 and<br>7 with half of the students attending on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and half on the 7 <sup>th</sup> . All kindergarten children<br>attend on September 8th. Schools will be in touch with parents with their scheduled time. |
|                |             | All grades 1-5 students attend on September 6.   |
| October        | 6-7<br>10   | Professional Learning Days for Staff – No Classes<br>Thanksgiving Day – No Classes   |
| November       | 11<br>25    | Remembrance Day – No Classes<br>Parent Teacher Student Conferences K-12 – No Classes   |
| December       | 23          | Last Day of First Term – half day of classes   |
| 2017           |             |  |
| January        | 9<br>10     | Professional Learning Day for Staff – No Classes<br>First Day for Students   |
| February       | 1<br>24     | Start of Second Semester<br>Professional Learning Day for Staff – No Classes   |
| March          | 6-10<br>31  | March Break – No Classes<br>Grades K-12 Parent Teacher Student Conferences – No Classes  |
| April          | 14<br>17    | Good Friday – No Classes<br>Easter Monday – No Classes   |
|                | 28          | Professional Learning Day for Staff - No Classes   |
| May            | 5<br>19     | Provincial Council Day – No Classes<br>Hampton Education Centre only - AEFNB & NBTA Meeting - No Classes   |
|                | 22          | Victoria Day – No Classes  |
| June           | 23          | Last Day for Students  |
|                | 26-27       | Administration Days for Staff  |





#### ACTION PLAN FOR 2015-2018 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### DIP: Ends Policy 1 To demonstrate continuous progress toward provincial targets in literacy numeracy and science (English/FI)

Provincial Targets: 90% of the students, in their program of study, will achieve the expected level of language, mathematical and scientific literacies on provincial assessments.

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| GOALS                            | STRATEGIES  | INDICATORS OF SUCCESS                              | TIME      | RESPONSIBLITY    |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------|------------------|
| 1. Using a balanced              | All teachers are encouraged to use the Daily 5/Café approach to             | Gr3 students participate in reading, either        | 2015-2016 | All classroom    |
| literacy approach to             | literacy instruction including Guided Reading                               | independently, on raz kids or with peers daily. Gr |           | teachers &       |
| develop and improve              |   | 4 & 5 do independently or on Raz kids. Guided      |           | support staff    |
| instructional practices,         |   | reading with each child within 2 week cycle.       |           |                  |
| assessment and                   | PLCs focus on writing and using our provincial grade level rubrics          | Teachers and students will be able to identify     | 2015-2016 | Grade level PLCS |
| intervention for Literacy        | to assess and compare samples. Use of Portal samples to support             | examples of appropriate and strong                 |           |                  |
| so that <mark>90%</mark> of our  | this strategy.  | achievement.                                       |           |                  |
| students receive AA and          | Three times yearly all students will complete a demand piece of             | 3 times a year, PLC grades a selection of writing  | 2015-2016 | All classroom    |
| above based on the               | writing. Teachers will mark writing together in PLCS and these              | samples  |           | teachers &       |
| provincial reading and           | benchmarks will form instruction.   |  |           | support staff    |
| writing standards                | Creation of SMART Goals based on data from November, March                  | More students reaching appropriate for specified   | 2015-2016 | All classroom    |
|                                  | and May Literacy Benchmarks   | SMART goals in reading and writing                 |           | teachers &       |
| Grade 3                          |   |  |           | support staff    |
| Grade 4                          | School-wide celebration of "Stellar Students"                               | Current student work being displayed on            | March     | Teachers replace |
| Grade 5                          |   | designated board                                   | 2016      | work             |
|                                  | During literacy instruction model the <u>6 traits of writing</u> , focusing | Lessons on the traits from Writing fix. Use of     | 2015-2016 | Teachers submit  |
| *update: <mark>90%</mark> of our | on the specific traits Organization and Paragraphing (based on              | books from school graded collection. Student       |           | names to EST-R   |
| students receive AA and          | Sept. 2014 data)  | self-evaluation. ("1 Good, 1 To Grow") Co-         |           | to video         |
| above based on                   | **update: conventions and Sentence Structure are a focus for                | constructing criteria of good writing!             |           |                  |
| <u>classroom benchmarks</u>      | the 2015-2016 school year.  |  |           |                  |
| in reading and writing           | Use student generated exemplars in classes to help students                 | Student generated exemplars are used in classes    | 2015-2016 | Teachers         |
|                                  | understand what an acceptable piece of writing is.                          |  |           |                  |
|                                  | Literacy Night at school. (WITS focused)                                    | We will have 1 on literacy week                    | 2015-2016 | Admin team       |
|                                  | Writers in the School Program (Author Visit)                                | Been approved & hosting                            | 2015-2016 | Julie            |
|                                  | <ul> <li>Heidi Stoddard – Artist/Author</li> </ul>                          |  |           |                  |
|                                  | <ul> <li>Ann Scott – "The Boy Who Was Bullied"</li> </ul>                   |  |           |                  |
|                                  | Word of the Week – building new vocabulary *include on weekly               | Word is posted, students submitted sentences       | 2015-2016 | Sarah &          |
|                                  | parent synrevoice   | shared over the PA and use of words in spoken &    |           | Classroom        |
|                                  |   | written language                                   |           | teacher          |
|                                  | Data Wall to include reading levels of all students at HES.                 | English & French Data wall displayed in staff      | 2015-2018 | Jennifer & Sarah |
|                                  | *French Immersion wall will be updated after first report card              | room and on staff shared portal                    |           |                  |
|                                  | WAH WAH – Writing at home   | Students will complete WAH WAH entries             | 2015-2018 | Teachers         |
|                                  |   | independently                                      |           |                  |

| GOALS  | STRATEGIES   | INDICATORS OF SUCCESS  | TIME                | RESPONSIBLITY  |
|--|--|--|---------------------|--|
| 2. To develop and improve<br>instructional practices,<br>assessment and intervention for           | Professional Learning Communities to use information<br>from <u>common assessments</u> to implement remediation,<br>interventions and enrichment activities.   | Increase in % of students meeting curriculum<br>outcomes   | 3 times per<br>year | Teachers   |
| Numeracy so that 90% of our<br>students receive AA or above on<br>the provincial and District Math | Explore Stretch Learning Opportunities   | PLC will plan and implement the use of at least<br>one stretch learning activity per outcome in<br>their respective grade level curriculum   | May 2016            | Teachers   |
| assessments  | School-wide common strategies given to children to help<br>them solve word problems.   | Student agendas will include these strategies  | 2015                | Teachers/Admin   |
| <u>Grade 3</u><br><u>Grade 4</u>   | Develop Common Math understanding to use among<br>staff and students to enable students to explain in Math<br>language how they solved a problem.  | Teaching and staff talking about math goals  | Biweekly in<br>PLC  | Numeracy Grade<br>level PLC                            |
| <u>Grade 5</u>   | Develop common assessments that focus on questions<br>that relate to Number/Problem-Solving at all grades  | Increase in % of students meeting District<br>Benchmark due to comfort with types of<br>questions being asked  | Biweekly<br>PLC     | Grade level PLC  |
|  | Develop updated videos of math strategies commonly<br>used in classrooms to post on the <u>Website</u> *links to<br>YouTube using Open Number Line   | Update videos developed and posted to HES webpage  | Ongoing             | Julie Stewart to<br>train students                     |
|  | Guided Math Book Study - COMPLETED   | Teachers will plan lessons around the Guided<br>Math framework   | 2014-2016           | Teachers   |
|  | Ensure that every teacher has knowledge/training<br>of how to do Guided Math (and be offered<br>opportunities to observe peer to peer teaching) and<br>that 100% of classes have some form of Guided<br>Math instruction | 100% of homeroom classes will have guided<br>math instruction occurring weekly as evidenced<br>by admin walkthrough data that will support<br>every classroom is providing guided math<br>instruction weekly | 2015-2016           | Admin, teachers,<br>and support<br>from Math<br>Mentor |
|  | Math Journals  | Students will communicate their understanding<br>of Math concepts in an ongoing journal  | 2016-2017           | Numeracy<br>teachers                                   |

Provincial Targets: 90% of the students, in their program of study, will achieve the expected level of language, mathematical and scientific literacies on provincial assessments.

Previous strategies: Blanchard's Brainteaser in monthly newsletter; Math magic Room

| GOALS                                    | STRATEGIES  | INDICATORS OF SUCCESS                  | TIME                 | RESPONSIBLITY    |
|--|---|--|----------------------|------------------|
| 3. Enhance regular                       | Update the lobby television with pictures and captions.       | Powerpoint is updated at least twice   | 2015-2018            | Office staff and |
| communication with parents               |   | monthly                                |                      | Admin staff      |
|  | New Website/Synrevoice  | COMPLETED                              | October 2015         | Office staff     |
| <ul> <li>Monthly class</li> </ul>        | Newsletter – specific link. (by email and website)            | COMPLETED                              |                      |                  |
| newsletter stating                       | In-Service from District Tech Mentors                         | Ongoing                                | 2015-2018            |                  |
| curriculum outcome                       | Evening Transition Meeting for parents of grade 2 students    | Ongoing                                | May annually         | Admin, Grade 3   |
| overview in                              | will be held in the spring                                    |  |                      | teachers         |
| student/parent friendly                  | HES June Newsletter sent home to all grade 2 students.        | Families receive information about the | June 1 <sup>st</sup> | Admin            |
| language.                                |   | school and increase welcome            | Annually             |                  |
|  | The School Improvement plan will be sent home in user         | -Updated quarterly on website          | Sept. January,       | Admin, office    |
| <ul> <li>70% of teachers will</li> </ul> | friendly language for all Students at HES including           | -link provided in September Newsletter | March, June          | staff            |
| have a class website by                  | hyperlinks  |  |                      |                  |
| end of 2014.                             | Meet the teacher Social held prior to the first day of school | Anxiety reduction for students         | August               |                  |
|  | and children bring school supplies                            |  |                      |                  |
|  | Book study "The Whole Brain Child" to include parents         | Extra copies purchased and parents     | 2015-2016            | Admin            |
|  |   | sharing their experience               |                      |                  |

#### DIP: Ends Policy To strengthen engagement of families and foster community partnerships

#### Ongoing Partnerships:

Kredls – once per year whole School Presentation & Fruit/Veggie trays.

Independent – Apples and Bananas provided to school once per week for breakfast program; Fruit/Veggie trays ordered for whole school once per year

#### DIP: Ends Policy To provide positive, safe, and inclusive learning and working environments for children, youth and staff

| GOALS   | STRATEGIES  | INDICATORS OF SUCCESS   | TIME      | RESPONSIBLITY            |
|---|---|---|-----------|--------------------------|
| <ol> <li>Strengthen areas of school<br/>climate by concentration on staff<br/>and students working, learning</li> </ol> | Guidance Corner (information about positive school climate,<br>good mental health, healthy and positive parenting) will be in<br>the monthly school newsletter. | Ongoing   | 2015-2018 | EST-Guidance             |
| and playing in a safe, positive,<br>healthy environment   | Gather information from the Tell Them From Me Student<br>Survey to assist with program planning in the area of school<br>climate.                               | Staff will dicuss strategies to support<br>increasing children's feelings of<br>belonging and safety within the school                                | 2015-2018 | Admin, Teachers,<br>PSSC |
|   | Noontime Clubs and Intramurals  | Staff members provide opportunities<br>for clubs at least once throughout the<br>year   | 2015-2018 | Teachers                 |
|   | Skill Streaming (Skills and Routines are defined, modeled and<br>practiced for each month in the classroom).  | Monthly review. Classrooms sign and<br>provide completed skills to office.  | 2015-2018 | Teachers                 |
|   | PD on Mental Health Issues and Children   | Staff will have the opportunity to<br>attend workshops after school hours<br>sponsored by the District Psychologist<br>Team                           | 2015-2018 | Teachers                 |
|   | Updated <u>Pyramid of intervention</u>  | Updated annually as part of the SIP<br>process  | 2015-2018 | Admin, Staff             |
|   | Apply for grant and resources (Healthy Learning Grant, Phys.<br>Ed Wellness Grant, WITS grant etc)  | Staff will apply for at least 3<br>grants/resources on an annual basis  | 2015-2018 | Admin, Teachers          |
|   | Identify community leader   | Vernon Saunders & Anita Hofmann   | 2015-2018 | Admin                    |
|   | WITS Teacher Accreditation Program (Alison Lynch)   | Staff completed in 2015   | completed | Teachers, Admin          |
|   | Integrate WITS strategies school wide   | Admin to cover classes at least once<br>per year to read a WITS book and<br>review the WITS strategies  | 2015-2018 | Admin, staff             |
|   | Morning Open Gym Fitness Tues, Weds. Thurs  | Students will attend and indicate<br>opportunities to be physically active<br>Contributes to 30-60 minutes of fit and<br>healthy kids while at school | 2015-2018 | Phys Ed.                 |
|   | Breakfast Program in the Classroom *Addition of Fruit (Jan. 2015)   | Students will have access to food in the<br>mornings in a nonjudgmental and<br>inclusive classroom environment<br>(breakfast bins)                    | 2015-2018 | Admin                    |
|   | I'm Thumbody Program (Grade 3 classes)  | Completed 2015  | 2015-2018 |                          |

### DIP: Ends Policy 4 To provide opportunities for staff to learn about mental health issues and to promote school and district initiatives that promote mental fitness

| GOALS                            | STRATEGIES   | INDICATORS OF SUCCESS                   | TIME          | RESPONSIBLITY      |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------|--------------------|
| 5. To provide families and staff | Mind UP curriculum delivered to classrooms through       | Students aware of strategies to support | Sept 2015     | EST Guidance       |
| learning opportunities about     | Guidance lessons   | mindfulness                             |               |                    |
| mental health and provide        |  | Mental fitness bulletin board           |               |                    |
| students with mental fitness     | Mindful Moments  | Mindful moments 3x per week after       | January 2016  | Jodie Fischer      |
| understanding                    |  | morning announcements                   |               |                    |
|                                  | Develop a bank of MH resources for teachers including    | Teachers will access these resources    | 2015-2018     | Tech mentors to    |
|                                  | Mindful minutes, brain breaks etc on staff shared portal |   |               | support Jodie      |
|                                  | site   |   |               | Fischer            |
|                                  | Rainbows, Social skills, SIW targeted groups, Leaders    | Track student participation in programs | Weekly at EST | SIW & Admin        |
|                                  |  |   | meetings      |                    |
|                                  | Book study: The Whole Brain Child                        | Staff will read and discuss the book 4  | Monthly 2016  | All teaching staff |
|                                  |  | times                                   | Feb. March,   |                    |
|                                  |  |   | April and May |                    |
|                                  | Promote community events                                 | Events posted on website                |               | Admin staff and    |
|                                  |  |   |               | office staff       |

### Hampton Elementary School Bells Grades 3, 4 and 5

7:50 Buses Start to Arrive/Supervision Begins
8:10 All Students in Classroom
8:25 Announcements

Instruction Block # 1

RECESS: Time to Play

Instruction Block # 2

NOON: Time to Play

NOON: Time to Eat

Instruction Block # 3

End of Instruction

Dismissal Buses Depart



8:30

10:00

10:15

11:50

12:10

12:35

2:35

2:40

2:45

### Starting our day...

#### **Traffic Notes**

When dropping off your children in the morning please proceed beyond the first crosswalk and do not drop children off in the playground area as that is a bus drop off zone. If you must pick up your children after school, please park in the spaces adjacent to the playground. During inclement weather, or very cold weather, please drop off your children near the front entrance of the school **close** to doors near the traffic circle to allow children to be dropped off by the buses directly in front of the school and to avoid traffic congestion on wet or cold weather mornings.

Passing a school bus when the red lights are flashing is a serious offense and may result in a substantial fine. Please remember the speed limit on School Street is 20 kilometers



#### **Bus Zone and Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zones**



## **School Supplies Fees & Meet the Teacher**

We will be collecting student fees for all Grade 3 to 5 students (English and French Immersion)—**total of \$60**—during the month of September.

The fees cover:

- **\$40--**All student consumables such as pencils, notebooks, duotangs, etc.; students will only be required to purchase a backpack, lunch box, and indoor sneakers. Students also should bring a set of headphones to stay at school. Some classes may also require a USB storage device for school projects.
- **\$20--Skating**, cultural events and student agendas.

At our Meet the Teacher evening before school begins in the Fall, students may bring their indoor sneakers and leave them in their new classroom!

### Meet the Teacher: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 6:30PM



The staff of Hampton Elementary define, practice and model specific skills to ensure smooth transitions and orderly conduct. As a result, our school has been recognized for having a school environment that is calm, relaxed, and dedicated to student learning. This has contributed to a great positive learning environment! Skills for the first two months include:

Entering building Speaking to others Morning Routine Hall Passes Moving through the school Visitors Bathroom Leaving the school Fire Drill Listening Asking for help

Skillstreaming

# WITS



All students are trained in using their WITS:

I promise to use my WITS, to walk away, ignore, talk it out and seek help when I'm dealing with teasing and bullying.

I promise to also help other kids use their WITS to keep my school and my community a safe and fun place to be and learn.



### "Play First, Then Eat" (also known as Recess Before Lunch)

"Play First, Then Eat" is simply a change in the traditional scheduling order of lunch time and recess. This idea was first put into practice in Montana and has gained popularity across North America. Many schools and districts in the US have adopted this model as have schools in Canada. In our own province and district "Play First, Then Eat" has been implemented successfully.

#### The benefits reported include:

1. Teachers notice that children are more settled after eating and are more ready to start afternoon learning.

 Children waste less food and drink more milk because they build up an appetite while playing outside.
 There is improved behaviour in afternoon classes.



# Playgrounds

There are two playgrounds at Hampton Elementary School.

Grade Five students play on the Hawk's Nest and the students in grade Three and Four play on the other playground (Hawk's Eye). Both areas contain playground equipment and paved areas for games such as basketball and skipping, etc. The Home & School Association is currently working on playground upgrades so that both playgrounds have

age-appropriate equipment.



## **Programs & Activities**

#### **Student Leadership and Clubs:**

**Peer Helpers Greenhouse Club** Choir Games Chess Club Girls' Group Cupstacking Syrian Refugee Helpers Pot of Gold Zones Drawing and Coloring Knitting Lego Club Super Flex **Remote Control club** Rainbows

#### Some Other Programs in Our School:

Coding for Kids GoGo Afterschool Program H.A.L.L. Preschool Program Mad Science After School Writing Club

#### **School Activities:**

Hawk Awards Stellar Student Recognition Grade 3 Roots of Empathy Morning Fitness/Open Gym Open Library Intramural programs Empty Stocking Fund Track & Field/Cross Country Terry Fox Walk Assemblies Breakfast Program Recycling and Composting









KNITTING CLUB



### Grade 5 Student Leadership Programs





### **Greenhouse Teams in Action**



### HES Greenhouse YouTube Channel Launch



### Fun Fitness in the Gym During Assemblies



Building Reading Stamina in the Gym During Assemblies

### Hot Lunch

We currently offer a hot lunch option every day of the week using a ticket system. This may look different for the 2016-2017 school year.

### <u>Milk</u>

We sell milk—\$0.50 for white and \$0.55 for chocolate through a special discounted program called Milk for Schools. It is pre-ordered; and the order forms are sent home, in advance, so parents know when to order milk. The first milk order will begin in mid-September and will last for about 40 days. There are approximately four orders per year, and we offer milk until the last week of school in June.



Terry Fox Walk – Hampton Middle School



### Sock Hop for UNICEF



Delivery of Backpacks Full of Food for Hampton Food Bank

Our school uses Synervoice, school website and e-mail as a means of keeping families informed of upcoming school and community events. Please provide the school with an e-mail address to send notices and newsletters in order to help save the amount of paper we send to your home. Newsletters are sent by e-mail and posted on our school website at the first of each month. In addition there is a wealth of information for parents as well many pictures of the variety of activities that go on each year and links to teachers' classroom websites. You can check out all this info on our school website at http://hamptonelementary.nbed.nb.ca

# Communication

### **Alternate Bus Arrangements**

Students who require a change in their after school plans, must complete a change of transportation form 24 hours in advance. These changes are not permitted for after school playdates and/or birthday parties.

If there is an emergency, and a change **must** be made, please contact the school as soon as possible.





ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Copy To:

Teacher

Parent Bus Driver

REQUEST FOR BUSING TO AN ALTERNATE ADDRESS

Please return completed form to your school.

Students MAY be permitted to travel on a bus to one alternate address subject to the following conditions: • If the service requested occurs on a consistent schedule (i.e. daily or every Monday)

- If the request can be accommodated on an existing route and stop If the bus can accommodate extra passengers •
- .
- Is located within the assigned school zone

Please note this is a courtesy and services may be withdrawn if conditions change such as route or load levels.

| Student's Name (Please PRINT Information)       |           |                      |       | School Year<br>2016-2017                      |
|---|-----------|----------------------|-------|---|
| School  |           |                      |       | Grade/Homeroom                                |
| Parent Name (s)                                 |           |                      |       | Phone Numbers (s)                             |
| Student's <u>Home</u><br>Street Number and Name | Civic#    | _Street Name/Route:_ |       |   |
| Municipality                                    |           |                      |       | , NB  |
| Postal Code                                     |           |                      |       |   |
|   | REQUESTED | O ALTERNATE AD       | DRESS |   |
| Street Number and Name<br>Municipality          | Civic#    | Street Name/Route:   |       | ND  |
| Postal Code                                     |           |                      |       |   |
| Contact's Name or<br>Name of Daycare            |           |                      |       | Phone Number (s)                              |
| Schedule (Date(s)/Days)                         |           |                      |       | <ul> <li>Pick Up</li> <li>Drop Off</li> </ul> |
| Effective Date                                  |           |                      |       | Both  |
| BUS NUMBER                                      | S         | TOP LOCATION         |       | TIME (S)                                      |
| Morning   |           |                      |       |   |
| Afternoon                                       |           |                      |       |   |
|   |           |                      |       |   |

On the ASD-S Website under "Transportation" and on the HES Website Under "For Parents"

http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/transportation/Pages/forms.aspx



| Parent's Signature        |           | Date: |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|--|
|                           |           |       |  |
| Principal's/Designate's S | Signature | Date: |  |
|                           |           |       |  |



### Homework Expectations

A reasonable amount of homework provides an important means to support in the following ways:

1) It can periodically allow children to complete unfinished work at home.

2) It gives parents an opportunity to reinforce literacy or math facts that have been taught at school.

Homework assignments can be viewed daily in the student agenda. Any important communication between parents and teachers can be recorded in the student agenda.



Homework should take about 10 minutes for each grade level. For example, grade three,  $10 \times 3 = 30$  minutes for that evening.



### Homework Expectations cont.

The classroom teacher will communicate the homework expectations. Homework is designed to reinforce and review work that has already been taught. Homework is to be completed in a reasonable amount of time and if there are any concerns about this, then please contact the classroom teacher.





Volunteer Opportunities...

- 1. Volunteer in our classrooms
- 2. Become a member of Parent School Support Committee - If you are interested in being a member of the PSSC please contact Jamie Foster (Chair) or email psscchair@gmail.com
- Become a member of the Home and School

   If you are interested in being a member of the H&S contact Laura Marles (President) hes.homeandschool@gmail.com



# Tentative Classroom Configuration 2016-2017

| English Homerooms                          | <u>Fre</u><br>Ho |
|--|------------------|
| Grade 3 English                            |                  |
| Grade 3/4 English                          | Gra              |
| Grade 4 English                            | Gra              |
| Grade 5 Eng/Res.                           | Gra              |
| Grade 5 Eng/Res.<br>(Compacted Curriculum) | Gra              |
| Grade 5 Intensive French                   | Gra              |
|  | Gra              |
|  | Gra              |





# Summer Reading

The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.

http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer

Topics:

- -finding a great summer program
- -strategies for summer reading for children with dyslexia
- -day trips for book lovers



#### The ABCs of Improved Reading

Access to books. It's critical that kids have access to a wide variety of books over the summer months, but we know that access alone doesn't make a strong impact.

Books that match readers' ability levels and interests. For young people's reading skills to improve, they need to read books that align with their own reading levels. Reading books that are too easy or too hard won't help!

Comprehension, as monitored and guided by an adult, teacher or parent. The most important piece to making summer reading effective is the help of an adult who can ask questions and guide kids to better understand what they are reading.

With these three ingredients, your summer reading program will soar!

### The Importance of Summer Reading

- Summer is a time to unwind from the hard work that was put in throughout the year. It is a time to have fun with family and friends. Because children view summer as a vacation from school, it is important to create an atmosphere where reading and writing can be fun activities.
- The first stop can be to your local library where each summer they host a Summer Reading Club. Children have the
  opportunity to incorporate reading with fun games and crafts. You can register now for their 2016 Summer Reading
  Club at <a href="http://www1.gnb.ca/0003/src=cle/2016/en/index-e.asp">http://www1.gnb.ca/0003/src=cle/2016/en/index-e.asp</a>
- Having fun books at home is another great way to motivate children to read. Yard sales and your local library are an easy way to stock up on books for summer. Scholastic also has a flyer out right now called Camp Read-A-Lot with 63 titles for \$5.99 and under. You can ask your teacher about the flyer or access it here
  <a href="http://www.scholastic.ca/clubs/images/0A16/P0A16\_N.pdf">http://www.scholastic.ca/clubs/images/0A16/P0A16\_N.pdf</a>
- Nonfiction books are quite popular with many children. There are a number of great websites that offer non-fiction
  options for students. <a href="https://newsela.com/">https://newsela.com/</a> provides hundreds of news articles for students in grade 2-12 (choose the
  articles drop down, select kids and then select your grade level). You can find a list of award winning nonfiction books
  at <a href="http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus">http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus</a>.
- It is just as important to keep your child's writing skills sharp over the summer. Have them write a postcard from a trip you've taken or help you make your grocery list for the week. Writing in a journal about all the adventures they've had over the summer will also provide loads of writing ideas for the upcoming school year.

Changes over the summer? New student? Questions?

Contact Mrs. Blanchard sarah.blanchard@nbed.nb.ca

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# **THANK YOU**