



Please sign up for Millgrove updates at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/millgrove>

**Save the date:**

- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Dinner and Skate
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night

Millgrove's Eco Club is encouraging you to participate in the **Litterless Lunch Challenge** this December. Students who have a litterless lunch will receive a ballot to enter the lunch pail draw!

Beginning December 3rd, Millgrove School is asking you to send in any gently used hats, mitts and scarves for our **Giving Tree**. Last year we were able to support an inner city school with 5 boxes of warm clothing for the cold winter months and we would like to do this again! Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

**Volunteers** are a valuable part of our school community. Please check out the volunteer section on the Millgrove web site or call the school for information about volunteering.

"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." - Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*

Millgrove School will celebrate **Literacy Week** this year with a read-a-thon and special reading-based activities. January 27, 2019 is the 20th Anniversary of Family Literacy Day! Check out the Life Literacy Canada web site for more information and reading tips. <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy> Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically.

**It is important to keep your child home if they are ill.** This helps to make your child more comfortable and prevents other children from becoming ill. Contact your doctor for medical advice and keep your child home if they have any of the following:

- ANY FEVER - Fever indicates active infection (temperature above 37°C / 98.6°F)
- vomiting or diarrhea through the night or in the morning
- ear ache or any drainage from ear
- eye irritations with yellow discharge or redness
- persistent runny nose with yellow discharge or thick mucous
- severe sore throat - sign of infection
- persistent or regular night cough
- stomach aches and headaches
- undiagnosed rash

Please contact your doctor if symptoms are severe, get worse or do not go away. Be sure your current home, work, and emergency contact phone numbers are on file at the school. Please remember to call the school when your child is absent. For more information:

Call Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000

Visit the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services website at [www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices](http://www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices)

## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day	Student "B" reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day	Student "C" reads <b>1 minute</b> each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

**1,800,000 words**



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

**282,000 words**



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

**8,000 words**



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)