



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

Save the date:

- December 2nd – Food Drive begins
- December 3rd – Dinner and Skate
- December 10th – Parent Council
- December 20th – Sing-a-long

Beginning December 2nd, Millgrove School is asking you to send in any gently used hats, mitts and scarves. Last year we were able to support another school with 3 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!

The **Sing-a-long** will be Dec 20 in the library. Please note that there is standing room only. Please limit attendance to 2 and notify the school if there are any mobility concerns.

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.

Millgrove School will celebrate **Literacy Week** this year with a read-a-thon and special reading-based activities beginning on January 27, 2020. 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.

The MORE that you read,
the MORE things you will know.
The MORE that you LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.



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 report using School Messenger 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

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

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

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th 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)