

St. Bernadette Catholic School

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Mr. Potje's Grade 4/5 Class 2014/15

Class Website => http://ber.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/for_students/mr_potjes_website

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September 3, 2014

Independent Home Reading Program/Website Info

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As part of our reading programme this year, Grade 4/5 students are expected to read for **20 minutes** or more each and every night at home. To encourage and reinforce reading at home (and to have a little fun) students will be required to complete a **Reading Log** in their **AGENDAS** where he/she quickly writes down the approximate time spent reading at home each day. To create a little extra motivation, I will be checking each student's reading log on Mondays. I will be checking to see that each student is reading regularly at home, looking for a parent or guardian's **signature** to verify their success, and will acknowledge this success by recording for your child each week:

**** **TWO Points** on our class chart for each week he/she has successfully read 20 minutes or more each and every night and;

**** **ONE Point** for each week he/she has successfully read 20 minutes or more for at least 5 nights.

If a student earns an average of ONE point per week during a specified reading period, he/she qualifies for our class's "READER'S HALL OF FAME" as well as successfully completing the requirements of the Grade 5 reading programme. Parents are required to **initial it each night**, or at the very minimum initial it at the end of each week.

I will set targets to reach for a specified period of time, and if your child achieves the target, he/she will be recognized on our **Reader's Hall of Fame** board in class and will receive one of many, various, positive rewards in class.

First Reading Period => Today until Thanksgiving Day (Oct 13th) *** Students will need **6** (or more) points to qualify for the first Reader's Hall of Fame. ***

Our class will also be doing reading and comprehension activities in class using various methods such as novel studies, short stories, drama and many more. Therefore, your child **must** have something independent to read at school at all times. We will have an independent reading period nearly every day for 15-20 minutes. **Your child MUST have something independent to read at school each and every day.**

The classroom and school libraries have an excellent selection of books and novels to read. You may choose to go to the Barrie Public Library or purchase your own reading material as well. All are very good options.

Again, your support with this independent reading program is crucial to your child's success. Please take an active role, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any suggestions to help you and your child.

A Note About Agendas

-> Every student will receive a St. Bernadette Agenda. The cost of the Agenda is \$5. Please submit as soon as you can (if you have not already). Your son/daughter will be able to record all homework assignments and their home reading pertaining to the Reader's Hall of Fame in their Agenda.

***** Please review your child's Agenda each and every evening as I often use it to communicate with you, and you may use it to communicate with me. *****

A Note About Our Class Web site

I have published a class web site to communicate daily homework assignments, upcoming events, calendar, copies of important forms/letters, samples of our work, photos and more. This site's audience is intended to be limited to the school community. As a precaution, first names only will be associated with student work. If you have any questions please contact me at 705-733-0459.

You will also find on the web site an e-mail link so you can contact me with any information or questions regarding your child. Some issues require a face to face meeting but other, smaller questions can often be addressed with e-mail. I encourage you to take advantage of this quick way to communicate.

I would also like to be able to send parents quick e-mail messages to keep you informed of your child's progress and any important upcoming events. If you have an e-mail account you check regularly please include it at the bottom of this note.

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My E-Mail Address: cpotje@smcdsb.on.ca

Please find attached the School Board's consent form for posting class work and events on our class web site. Please return it ASAP.

Yours Truly,

Chris Potje Grade 4/5 Teacher

***** (cut here) *****

Independent Home Reading Program - September 3, 2014 Please sign and return.

I have read the above and have carefully discussed it with my child _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Our e-mail address is : _____