

Read Every Day In 2018!

A student who reads 20 minutes each day reads 3600 minutes in a school year and roughly 1 800 000 words. A student who reads 5 minutes each day reads 600 minutes in a school year and an estimated 282 000 words. By the end of 6th grade, the student who reads 20 minutes a day will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. The student who only reads 5 minutes a day 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)

Please support your child in reading every day at home. Model the importance of reading. Talk about what you have read. Share the text and help them to make connections. Ask them questions to push their thinking and their imaginations!



Questions to Ask to:

Make Connections: What does this remind you of? When did you experience something similar? How can you relate to...?

Support Visualizing: What can you picture? In your mind what do you see? If this were a movie...?

Support Summarizing: Tell me what the basic gist is? What is the key information? In a nutshell, this says that...

Thank you for helping to build your child's literacy skills!

Erika Skala Black
Principal

Dates to Remember:

January 16 th	School Council Meeting 7 pm
January 24 th	Kindergarten Open Doors
January 25 th	4/5, 5/6 Curling
January 26 th	Volleyball Tournament HHS
	Winter Activities payment due
January 30 th	4/5, 5/6 Curling
February 2 nd	PA Day
February 7, 14, 28	Winter Elective Days

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back! The staff at VKG would like to wish everyone the very best in 2018!

Three cheers to all of our students who performed and helped out at our Christmas Concert. You sounded wonderful! A big shout out to all the staff for their extra time and efforts in making our last week before the holidays a wonderful experience!

Early Pick-up?

Parents, unless your child has an appointment before 3:10 pm, please refrain from interrupting the class and signing your child out early.



Teachers often recap the day and remind students what they need to bring for the following day. Also, students have their 'end of the day' routines to fulfill. Teaching happens right up to dismissal!

You are welcome to wait in the front foyer until the bell rings. Thank you for your support!

What's Happening at VKG...

- ✓ Volleyball Tryouts
- ✓ Battle of the Books and Reading Club
- ✓ Play Practices and Non-Speaking Tryouts
- ✓ Concert Band & Rock Band
- ✓ Winter Electives
- ✓ Knitting Club

2018 Kindergarten Registration

Please register your child during the month of January.

What you need to bring:

- ✓ Child's proof of age (e.g. birth certificate)
- ✓ Name and phone number of your family doctor
- ✓ Child's health card number (optional)
- ✓ Child's immunization record

JK students must be 4 years old by December 31, 2018.

For more information or to register online visit:

<http://tldsb.ca/kindergarten-registration/>.

Proportional Thinking Is All Around!

With lots of experience in making comparisons, your child will eventually progress to proportional thinking - that is, being able to make comparisons by using multiplication.

Qualitative comparison: "The adult is taller than the child"

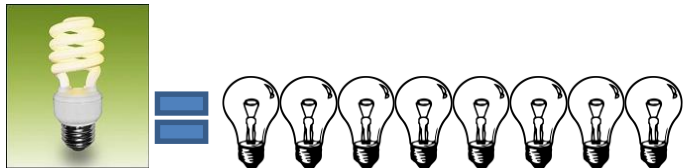
Additive comparison: "The adult is 100 centimetres taller than the child."

Multiplicative comparison: "The adult is twice as tall as the child."

Help your child develop their proportional reasoning by looking for situations involving proportional thinking in real life. Have your child explain his or her thinking.

Some examples are:

- ✓ Mr. Brown's car lights are not working at full strength. They are dimming and losing 25% of their brightness. Should he drive at night? Why or why not?
- ✓ Christina promises to help her sister with her paper route each day. Her sister said she'll give her one quarter of her profits. Is this a good deal for Christina? Explain.
- ✓ Explain the meaning of the illustration below. What decisions could a family make with this information?



Dress for the Weather!

Winter is here! Please encourage your child to dress for the weather. We regularly go outside for recess and some physical education classes in the winter months. Also, students are required to **wear shoes indoors** at all times to prevent slips and falls and in case of a fire drill. Please ensure your child has a pair of shoes at school.



Head Checkers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to check students for head lice. No experience required! Please contact the school office if you can help out.

Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, and Sliding!

VKG's backyard is a wonderful space to snowshoe, hike, cross-country ski, and slide down the many hills. Classes go out regularly for phys-ed or QDPA. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to promote a healthy lifestyle and embrace winter activities that students can do for years to come! If you have small snowshoes or cross-country ski equipment that you wish to donate, please do! We are always in need of replacement boots, skis, and poles!

Please review the following 'sliding hill' expectations with your child:

- ✓ Slide on your 'bottom' only, facing down hill
- ✓ Slide 1 at a time; wait until the path is clear
- ✓ Walk up the hill beside the sliding path (not on it)
- ✓ Never jump in front of sliders

Sliding safely will help ensure that no one gets hurt!

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

Next Meeting: Tues. Jan. 16th at 6:30 pm in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome!

Topics: Plans/dates for winter & spring.

Can't attend meetings, but want to stay informed? Sign up for e-Council at any time!

Questions? Email ykchairone@gmail.com or call Jennie at 705-380-2564

TLAC 2018

TLAC is an arts camp for Grade 7 through 12 students that will take place May 20 to 25, 2017 at Camp Whitepine in Haliburton. TLAC offers specialized instruction for Music, Drama, Musical Theatre, Dance, and Visual Art. This enriched arts experience is enhanced by the summer camp atmosphere. Registrations are available online or in your school office. Visit <http://tldsb.ca/tlac> for a link to the online registration, or for more information contact Sandra Corry at 1(888)526-5552 x21257 or email at TLAC@tldsb.on.ca. Follow us on Twitter #TLAC2018 or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TLDSB.TLAC>

Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. **The deadline for applications is January 19, 2017.**