

Boys' Literacy Tips

Summer 2010

They Came, They Wrote, They Succeeded!

86% of the HWCDSB's grade 10 students passed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)—surpassing the provincial rate by 2%. The results for the April 2010 test demonstrate that our students have maintained an impressive and consistent level of achievement over the past several years. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) provides a great deal of information for parents about the OSSLT. You can access this information by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/Secondary/10/10.aspx?Lang=E&gr=10>

Summer Time and the Reading is Easy

Ahh-h! The summer—sun-drenched days, star-kissed nights and whine-filled sighs of “There’s nothing to do!!” As parents, those words are akin to nails being dragged across the proverbial blackboard. What’s a parent to do? Try some of the following suggestions to help your child beat the summer time blues.

1. Even though they might resist at first, tempt them with a good book. There are many exciting books available, so take a trip to the local library or bookstore and browse around. The Hunger Games and Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins; Ghost House and Street Scene by Paul Kropp are a few books that might entice them.
2. Visit a favourite museum, exhibit or historic site. Check your local newspaper or library to find information about these places near you. Encourage your child to find books that contain information about some of these historic sites.
3. Many movies and plays are based on popular books. Encourage your child to read the book or play and when he is finished, go see the play or watch the movie. Discuss the differences between the book and the movie—a great way to build media literacy skills too.
4. Encourage your child to be active and outdoors—biking, playing soccer or shooting hoops—keeps them healthy and in shape.

For more tips, go to <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/summerLearning.html>



“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read.”

Mark Twain

What a beautiful, sunny morning. It makes you happy to be alive, doesn’t it? We can’t let the sun outshine us! We have to beam, too!

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