

January 10, 2012

The Red Maple Reading Program



Hillside School Celebrates Canadian Literature!

The students at Hillside are invited to participate in the Red Maple Reading Program, which will begin Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Your child will read at least five books of the ten selections.

Students will take as long as they need to read each book. The program will culminate with a voting day where students will vote for their favourite book. These votes will be submitted to the

Ontario Library Association so that the winner can be announced at the annual *Festival of Trees*. This is a wonderful literacy opportunity for the students. I look forward to supporting your child as, together, we embark on this literacy journey to celebrate reading and Canadian literature.

The program is voluntary. Students who choose to participate will be asked to keep track of the books they have read in a Red Maple Reading Passport, where they will be rating each book and providing a brief explanation of their rating. Students will be expected to attend meetings, now and then, in the library where they will discuss the books they have read and participate in book talks. The most important aspects of this reading program are to motivate children to read and to foster a love of reading.

Mrs. Hay, Teacher Librarian

Parent Commitment: I support my child _____ who would like to participate in the Silver Birch Reading Program.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Commitment: I would like to participate in the Silver Birch Reading Program and understand I will have to read 5 books and attend meetings in order to be eligible to vote.

Student Signature: _____