

January 10, 2012

# The Silver Birch Reading Program



## Hillside School Celebrates Canadian Literature!

The students at Hillside are invited to participate in the **Silver Birch Reading Program**, which will begin Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Your child will select a category (fiction or non-fiction) and begin reading the books of his/her choice from that category. Children will take as long as they need to read each book. The goal is to read at least five books from the selected category in order to be eligible to vote. 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 **Silver Birch 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

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_