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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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Every January 27th is **Family Literacy Day**. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness of the importance of reading and literacy skills. Perhaps most importantly is the emphasis on this day of developing literacy skills as a family unit. Family literacy reinforces the importance of parents and caregivers learning alongside their children to build knowledge necessary for future skills.

The 2021 Family Literacy Day theme is *Travel the World Together!* Although we are being asked to stay at home and avoid travel during the pandemic, there are many wonderful ways to explore the outside world and celebrate literacy safely from home.

The [ABC Life Literacy website](#) contains a number of fun resources and activities that families can engage in together. Among the resources are a [family literacy tipsheet](#) and [printable activity book](#).

How will St. Gregory the Great celebrate Family Literacy Day?

A famous quote says: *Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.* We also know that modelling is one of the best ways to teach children.

From January 18-25, we encourage our SGG families to engage in a family literacy activity. Families can make a short recording of their activity or take a photo and submit it via email to sgg@ycdsb.ca by the end of the day on Monday, January 25, 2021. The submissions will be used to create a slideshow of the wonderful ways our school community celebrates family literacy and will be shared via our school Twitter account. Alternatively, families can share on social media by tagging @StGregoryCA in a tweet. Please note that by sharing via email or Twitter, you are consenting to have your media contribution included in our slideshow to be shared on our school Twitter account. We want to see our in-person and hybrid learners are celebrating their love for reading together.

How can you celebrate Family Literacy Day at home?

Here are some literacy activities children and families can engage in together connected to this year's *Travel the World Together* theme:

- 15 minutes of daily reading; consider [fables or stories from around the world](#)
- Follow an international recipe together and get cooking
- Go online and research a country you'd like to visit together
- Write a prayer or poem together
- Write English words and phrases and use a translator to learn how to say them in other languages
- Imagine you are at a world destination and write a postcard to a friend
- Search popular songs from other countries on YouTube and sing, dance and move together as a family; try to guess what the lyrics might be about

We look forward to celebrating **Family Literacy Day** as a school community together and can't wait to see our student and family contributions to this school-wide project.

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