

Read Aloud Permission Form

Before starting our read aloud for this term ("Touching Spirit Bear" by Ben Mikaelson), I wanted to touch base with you all to preface that the chosen book addresses some controversial topics: physical abuse and alcohol abuse. These two topics, although controversial, are a part of the curriculum for Grade 3 and Grade 4. Please note that I will be highly involved in the study of this book and will be guiding the discussions that occur as a result of the story. If you wish to talk about some of these topics at home, that would be greatly appreciated.

Under Physical and Health Education:

Grade 3	Grade 4
effects of different substances, and strategies for preventing personal harm	potential effects of psychoactive substance use, and strategies for preventing personal harm
strategies and skills to use in potentially hazardous, unsafe, or abusive situations	strategies and skills to use in potentially hazardous, unsafe or abusive situations, including identifying common lures or tricks used by potential abusers

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/physical-health-education/3>

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/physical-health-education/4>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the curriculum and/or the book, don't hesitate to email me at bphenrich@sd73.bc.ca As these topics are in the curriculum, they must be addressed this year. If you wish that your child does not partake in the read aloud, however, that can be arranged, but they will still have to participate in the assessments.

Thank you,

Mlle Fenrich