Congratulations!, **St. John Vianney Catholic School** is the recipient of this year's **George Ermellini Literacy Award**. This special award supports innovative programs in literacy in elementary schools within TCDSB.

The St. John Vianney Catholic School proposal promotes “family reading programs” for primary children and “reading buddy programs” involving older and younger children. It also provides several other co-curricular programs to sustain literacy among children and a well-rounded literary experience for the students.

Literacy is necessary to develop one’s knowledge and potential, to function in society and to achieve one’s goal. George Ermellini was an outstanding TCDSB educator who was renowned for his commitment to promote literacy.

**Michael Gagliardi**, the school Principal, sent the winning proposal. St. John Vianney Catholic School community recognizes the importance of literacy by providing books and creating programs that promote reading among children and their families.

When children and their families are exposed to literacy programs all of society benefits!