

Dear Incoming 5th Grade Students and Parents,

Summer is here! We want you to have great adventures and enjoy your time off. We also want you to keep your brain sharp. This way, when you return in the fall, you will be ready to learn new things and review will take less time. The fifth grade teachers are asking that you do a few things, preferably something each day, which will keep your brain in tip-top shape.

Practice Math Facts – 5th grade students must be fluent in their multiplication skills in September. Please review 4th grade concepts and work on multiplication facts to be prepared for 5th grade math. Below are other ways to practice math facts:

- Flash cards
- Figure out the gas mileage for your family's car
- Figure the distance between destinations/stops
- IXL.com is a great resource

There are several apps available for hand held devices, too, for math practice.

Typing Skills – Practice typing to improve your speed and accuracy. Students in 5th grade will be using iPads and computers for classwork and projects. Practice this summer will help with time management next year. This can be done for free at typingclub.com. Many students use only one hand when typing and this doubles the time taken to complete assignments.

Reading- Expand your summer adventures with reading! Taking a trip? Find a non-fiction book about the area to read before you go. Search for a fiction book that takes place in the area you will be visiting. Anyone famous from the area you will be visiting? Read a biography on that person.

Rising 5th graders should be able to:

sustain silent reading for 20 minutes working towards a goal of 30 minutes
read a variety of genres
interpret simple charts and graphs
identify main idea and supporting details
write a 5 sentence summary

(See reverse for summer reading)

Summer Reading

We are asking that each of you read at two books over the summer. One, a nonfiction book of your choosing for which you will write a five sentence summary (hamburger paragraph). Bring your summary in the first day of school. Your second book to read is the junior novelization of Robinson Crusoe because this relates to some of the novels we will read in fifth grade. Of course, you can read more than 2 books! Keep a list of all the other books you read and bring that in, too. Books-a-Million does a summer book club with incentives each summer. Check out booksamillion.com for more details. Local libraries often do summer reading clubs. Be sure to check them out as well.

Sincerely,
The Fifth Grade Teachers