

5th Grade

Dear Incoming 5th Grade Students and Parents,

We are excited about the school year ahead! We want you to have great adventures and enjoy your time off this summer, but 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
- IXL.com is a great resource for math practice
- Apply math to everyday events: Examples might be to figure out the gas mileage for your family's car, calculate the distance between destinations/stops, use percentages for sales to figure out cost, figure out tax for the total of purchases, use measurement in everyday life to figure area, perimeter and distance to the 1/4 of an inch, know the succession of volume cups to gallon - anything to apply math!

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:

- sustained silent reading for 25 minutes working toward a longer goal (**PLEASE** see back for data to support)
- read a variety of genres from fiction and non-fiction
- interpret simple charts and graphs
- identify main idea and supporting details
- write a 5 sentence summary
- Talk about your reading with someone and read out loud when possible.
- IXL.com is also a great resource for English and Language Arts practice!
- Use GETEPIC! (getepic.com) will be free until June 6th and then parents can access a 30 day free trial

Summer Reading

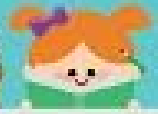
We are asking that each of you read at least two books over the summer. One, a nonfiction book of your choosing for which you will write a five sentence summary (hamburger paragraph). Bring your summary on the first day of school.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers

READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A
reads at home



20

min/day

STUDENT B
reads at home



5

min/day

STUDENT C
reads at home



1

min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Source: <http://readdbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-a-day/>