



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.

Rising 5th graders should be able to:

- **sustained** silent reading for 30 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; theme
- Write a 5 sentence summary. Give an oral summary of a story or passage.
- Talk about your reading with someone and read out loud when possible. Ask your child the following questions when you read or watch movies together: Who are the characters? What is Happening? Why did that happen? What is the conflict (problem)?
- IXL.com is also a great resource for Reading and Language Arts practice!

Summer Reading and Requirements

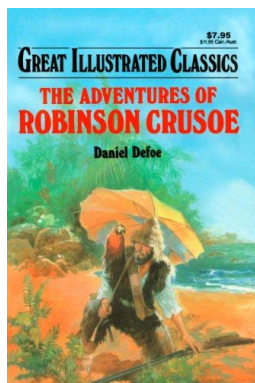
We are requiring that all rising 5th graders have the following reading experiences:

1. Read at least two books over the summer.
 - Your first **required** book is **Oil Spill Disaster In The Gulf**, a nonfiction AR book.
 - This book is available to purchase through Scholastic at the following link: [Gulf Spill Disaster in the Gulf](#)

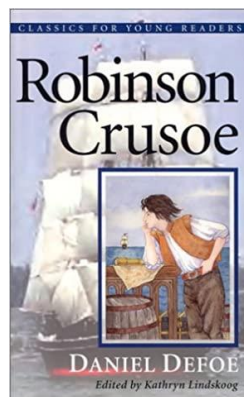


We have some copies available for check-out in our Media Center. You may check them out on the morning of June 26th, 8:00-11:00.

- You will write a five sentence summary (ONE paragraph). Remember a summary does not recount the whole story.
 - You will turn in your paragraph.(and the book on the first day of school if you checked one out from school). You will take the AR test the first week of school.
 - Your one paragraph summary is due on the first day of school. It will be graded for punctuation and capitalization
 - Your AR test will be your first grade in reading.
- Your second **required** book to read is one of the following versions of Robinson Crusoe because this book relates to some of the novels we will read this year. See ordering information and book cover for the edition you should read and be familiar with below. Be ready for a fun activity to go with this book!



[Robinson Crusoe](#)



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- Of course, you can read more than two books! Keep a list and bring that in, too! Books-A-Million does a summer book club with incentives. Local libraries often do summer reading book clubs. Check them out!
 - 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.
2. **Bridges Workbook** was sent home on the last day of school to keep skills sharp. Although not required, we would love for students to work through this book over the summer. It includes practices in reading and other subjects, including math. The cost of this workbook has been charged to your FACTS account. **Students will receive a free 100 daily grade pass to use for one subject the first quarter if they complete the book!**
- *Pages 93, 94, 95, 141, 142, and 143 are **required** to be completed and turned in Wednesday, August 7. This will be your students first Social Studies grade.

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.

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/2014/01/09/read-20-minutes-day/>