

Dear Incoming Fifth Grader,

We hope you enjoyed Move-Up Day and that you have a good understanding of what fifth grade is like. The fifth grade teachers are looking forward to getting to know you better in the fall. Keep this pamphlet in a safe place so you have all the information you need to be ready for school in August. Please share it with your parents!

Sincerely,

Your Fifth Grade Teachers

Writing

In fifth grade you will continue to work on the skills of writing such as sentence structure, grammar, and spelling. You will learn and practice three kinds of writing – Narrative, Informational, and Persuasive.

To maintain your writing skills over the summer...

- Keep a journal
- Write letters to your out-of-town relatives
- Use www.storybird.com to create a story on-line, complete with pictures

We will type some of our written pieces. Using Microsoft Word and practicing keyboarding over the summer is another idea on how to prepare for fifth grade.

Reading

You will read a variety of genres in fifth grade and continue to develop the skill of using different strategies as you read. Spend time reading over the summer. As you read ask yourself:

Who are the characters? What is the setting of the story?

What is the problem in the story? How is it solved?

What happened at the beginning, middle, and end?

*Parents: Reading to your child, at any age, is a great idea. You can be an excellent model for phrasing and expression. You can also model your thinking about what is happening in the story.

Great books to check out over the summer:

Bud, not Buddy
Everything on a Waffle
Holes
Honus and Me: a Baseball Card Adventure
How to Eat Fried Worms
James and the Giant Peach
Love that Dog
Lunch Money
My Side of the Mountain
The Cricket in Times Square
The Egypt Game
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
The Whipping Boy

Math

In math we will continue to expand upon ideas you learned in fourth grade. It will be to your advantage to stay fluent with all of your math facts (adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing) and practice using larger numbers with all four operations. There are a variety of websites available to practice math ideas like **fractions, measurement, probability, and geometry.** A few good choices for practice are:

1. www.coolmath4kids.com
2. www.funbrain.com AND www.funbrain.com/numbers.html
3. www.aaamath.com

Social Studies and Science

In Social Studies you will develop your map skills and learn about Medieval Times, European Exploration, Colonial Times, the American Revolution, and the Constitution of the United States. Fifth grade science will include lots of interesting experiments about controlling variables, followed by a study of energy, energy resources, soil, and astronomy.

We know you enjoy shopping for school supplies over the summer, and we'd like to give your parents time to find sale prices and to comparison shop. We recommend the following items to help complete your work and keep you organized:

1. A pack of Crayola Twistable colored pencils
2. An expanding file, accordion-style, with a wide base and enough pockets to hold the folders listed below as well as four other folders you will be given at the start of the year. Be sure, whichever kind you choose, it is sturdy and that your folders will fit in with room to spare
3. Five heavy plastic (poly) folders with two pockets and prongs in the following colors: red, blue, green, yellow, then choose orange or purple
4. One homework folder – sturdy, your choice of color/design
5. Three Book Sox – to cover 3 large text books, non-sticky
6. One disposable camera for your teacher to collect pictures throughout the year for you

Know how to spell these

“No Excuse” words!

a about after all an and are
as at be been but by called
can could did do down each
find first for from had has
have he her him his how I if
in into is it its just know
like little long made make
many may more most my no
not now of on one only or
other out over people said see
she so some than that the
their them then there these
they this time to two up use
very was water way we were
what when where which who
will with words would you your

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Welcome to Fifth Grade!

We need U for SUCCESS at SCES!

Success is the sum of small efforts,
repeated day in and day out.

Robert Collier

You will find the key to success under
the alarm clock.

Benjamin Franklin