

Welcome to Fifth Grade!

Promotion Packet
2021

Hello 5th Graders and Families,

Welcome! The fifth-grade team is so excited to meet you in the fall. Until then, we have put together the fifth-grade team supply list, and a summer suggested activities list.

1. A supply list is attached. Please understand that we teach executive functioning skills to prepare students for middle school, so items need to be color-coded and fit in a Zipper Binder.
2. Summer is a time to relax and unwind for our students, but the summer slide is real. On page three, you will find a suggested reading list and things you can do to keep their skills fresh.

Students should keep reading, practicing math skills, and enjoy all that summer has to offer. In the fall, we will host a parent night and share grade-level expectations. Don't forget school starts early this year. See you August 30th!

Again, welcome to the fifth grade. We are looking forward to working together to make this the best year ever!

The Fifth Grade Team

Summer Suggestions:

Book Reports will begin upon returning to school after the expectations for each report has been taught.

Several sites are available to continued summer practice. The fifth grade team highly suggest 10 minutes of practice on Xtramath.org daily to improve/maintain their fact fluency. Their fluency will directly impact their success in fifth grade as we work on multiplication and division of decimals and fractions. Advanced math students should show mastery of all operations with decimals and fractions. Achieve3000 and the IXL Diagnostic Arena are excellent resources for practicing skills and growing their lexile. Two articles from Achieve a week will only take about an hour in one sitting or you can break it up. Students can also practice a few minutes a day at typing. Fifth graders are expected to type full page essays so the more practice they have at proper hand positioning the better. Other helpful sites include i-ready.com, prodigygame.com, and khanacademy.org.

Suggested Books Lists: Students should read 30 minutes a day.

We are so lucky to have such a diverse school. We should read books that depict and celebrate our rich cultures, religions, abilities. This summer we challenge students to read books that act as mirrors so they can see themselves, and books that act as windows so they can create empathy for others. There are so many great book lists. We Need Diverse Books has its own app called [OurStory](#). I highly suggest their [summer reading series](#) or any books on their app. Chicago Public Libraries has a summer list as well. Find it [here](#).

If you don't like book lists, take the [Madison Street Books Challenge](#): 1. A book with a number in the title 2. A book published this year 3. A book with a red cover 4. A book that has won a major award 5. A detective novel or true crime book 6. A book published the year you were born 7. A higher lexile novel 8. A book that represents what you are grateful for 9. A book you lied about having already read.

Madison Street Books is our neighbor and supporter. They are happy to help you choose the best summer reads!

Fifth Grade Supply List -

Math

- One box of #2 pencils
- Blue Pens
- One Black Spiral Bound Notebook*
- One Black Plastic Folder*
- One package of Black Expo Markers

Reading/Writing

- One box of #2 Pencils
- One package of Highlighters
- One Blue Spiral Bound Notebook*
- One Blue Plastic Folder*
- One Spiral Notebook with any Design/Picture* (for Writing)

Social Studies

- One Red Spiral Bound Notebook*
- One Red Plastic Folder*
- Two colors of Post-it Notes 3x3

Other

- Zipper Binder with Shoulder Strap
- 1 package of Black Expo Markers
- Glue Sticks
- One pair of Scissors
- One pair of Headphones
- Three boxes of Kleenex
- One large bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- Two packages of loose-leaf Lined Paper
- One Composition Notebook

Notes: Ancillary Classes will provide you with their own supply lists. To help students with organization, please do not buy notebooks or folders that match the above colors. A planner will be provided by the school but some prefer to have a larger planner.

*Label with your full name and subject.