

fifth grade news

Dear Students and Parents,

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Congratulations on your fourth grade successes and WELCOME to 5th Grade - the year of JV Sports, Middle School Band, etc!!! To prepare yourself for next year, there are **five** things that I would like for you to do this summer.

1. **READ!** It is important that you keep reading over the summer. **Keep a log** of all of the books you have read, including the title, author, and number of pages. **Bring this to the first day of school next year.** Plus, this will give you a head start on those AR goals!

2. **KNOW YOUR FACTS!** Make sure you practice your math facts all summer long. Make a set of flashcards with math facts 0-12, or get inexpensive sets at a dollar-type store. May I suggest that you keep your flashcards in the car so that whenever you go somewhere, you can practice your facts? Math games online are helpful too. Parents, the students should have these mastered, making room mentally to absorb new concepts, while not still tripping over rote calculations.

3. **CREATE!** I would like for each of you to assemble a "**personal mobile**" with at least six photographs, magazine cut-outs, objects, etc. that represent you or things you did over the summer. Be creative! **Please bring them to open house or the first day of school.**

4. **JOURNAL!** Keep a journal. Answering essay questions in complete sentences is a necessary skill in fifth grade. If you struggle with this, practice over the summer with easy questions, such as "What is your favorite sport and why?", or "Should kids have to attend school year-round? Why or why not?" Make sure you restate the question and write in complete sentences.

5. **HAVE FUN!**

I look forward to seeing all of you in August! Yes, we will do a lot of work in fifth grade, but I hope that we can have fun while learning! Summer will fly by, so don't leave your summer homework for the last minute!

God's blessings on your summer,

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