

Welcome to 5th Grade!



Dear 5th Graders,

Fifth grade is going to be a fascinating and memorable year!

This is your first year being a part of the middle school with departmentalized classes. We expect you will enjoy having five teachers who each enjoy teaching their specialty. It is also a busy year in which students grow to be more capable and responsible young adults.

This year you will learn so many new things in all of your new classes. In Science, you will study many interesting topics such as Matter, Earth's Systems, Earth's Water, the Solar System, Patterns in Space, Energy and Food, and so much more. You will also take the NYS State Science exam. In Social Studies, you will study American History and explore topics such as Native Americans, the American Revolution, the US Government, and Slavery. In Math, you will develop a deeper understanding of decimals and fractions, as well as use various strategies and algebraic reasoning in problem-solving. In Language Arts, you will study multiple genres of literature with a strong focus on improving reading and writing skills. In Religion, you will learn about the seven sacraments and examine the New Testament. In addition, you will continue your studies in STEM, Art, and Physical Education.

We hope you have a fun and relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall for an exciting and educational year!

Sincerely,

Your 5th Grade Teachers



Summer Reading List for Ms. Re: students entering 5th Grade ELA
Due - first week of school, hard copy only with a cover that you create

You need to select ONE book from this list for your summer ELA Fiction reading. You must read the full original versions, not graphic novel versions. After reading it, you should either type or write on loose leaf paper a book report done in the format below.

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA by Katherine Patterson
BUD NOT BUDDY by Christopher Paul Curtis
NANCY DREW MYSTERIES by Carolyn Keene (original versions)
HARDY BOYS MYSTERIES by Franklin W. Dixon and Edward Stratemme (original versions)
WRINGER by Jerry Spinelli
THE BABYSITTERS CLUB by Ann M. Martin (original versions)
GOOSEBUMPS SERIES by R. L. Stine
SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS SERIES by Lemony Snicket

Your Name - _____

Entering Grade 5

Title:

Author:

Illustrator: (put NA if there were no pictures)

- 1) In three to five paragraphs answer the following questions about your book:
Who was it about (characters)? What happened in the story (main events)?
Briefly explain the beginning, middle and end.
- 2) Describe the setting of the story in detail. Where did it occur and when? This should be one paragraph or two if you prefer.
- 3) Describe the book's main character (the star). Would he or she make a good friend? Why or why not? Include specifics from the book. This must be at least one paragraph.
- 4) Did you like the book? Yes or No and why? Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or Why not? Explain in a paragraph.

5th Grade Nonfiction Summer Assignment

All 5th Graders must select one of the following non-fiction books below. The books can be found on Amazon. After reading the selected book each student must complete the attached graphic organizer. Students will be using these organizers to give presentations and complete writing assignments in September in Science class. Have fun reading and learning about the many amazing inventions that have changed our world!

Accidental Inventions That Changed Our World: 50 True Stories of Mistakes that actually Worked and Their Origins

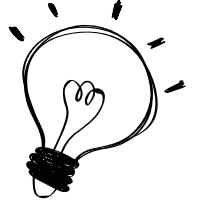
Epic Stories For Kids and Families - Accidental Inventions That Changed Our World: Fascinating Origins of Inventions to Inspire Young Readers (Books for Curious Kids)

Amazing Inventions That changed The World: The true Stories About the Revolutionary and Accidental Inventions That Changed Our World

Name: _____



AMAZING INVENTIONS



Title: _____

Author: _____

Directions: Answer each question in complete sentences. Make sure to use correct capitalization and punctuation.

WHY WAS IT INVENTED?

On the back of this sheet draw or attach a picture of the invention!

WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR INVENTION?

IS IT STILL IN USE TODAY? EXPLAIN.

**WHO INVENTED IT?
(IF LISTED)**

DESCRIBE HOW PEOPLE USE(D) THE INVENTION?

HOW IS THIS INVENTION IMPORTANT TO HISTORY?

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Dear Incoming 5th Grade Families,

As we look forward to a long, restful, and relaxing summer, we do want students to continue to engage in much needed math and literacy activities that will reinforce important skills learned throughout the year and to prepare them for the new year ahead.

It is our hope to provide meaningful summer assignments for all our students. This year each grade (incoming 1st through 8th) will be assigned four math i-ready lessons. These lessons will help review important skills from the previous grade that will be needed in the beginning of the year.

Below you will find dates that each lesson will open.

June 16th - Lesson 1

June 29th - Lesson 2

July 13th - Lesson 3

July 27th - Lesson 4

All lessons will close by August 15th. After August 15th students will no longer be able to access I-ready and will not receive credit for their summer assignments. We do recommend that you do each lesson in the two week window given rather than waiting to do it all at one time.

5th Grade I-Ready Summer Lessons:

Multiply whole numbers (Three digit Number by One Digit numbers)

Multiply whole numbers (Multiply by Two digit Numbers)

Divide by two digit numbers part 1 & 2

Division Word problems Part 1 & 2

Thank you,

Dr. Christopher Scharbach