

June 2017

Dear Parents of Incoming Fifth Graders,

Welcome to the Fifth Grade! We face many challenges and transitions in the fifth grade and it will be an exciting year. Throughout the school year the students will be preparing to cross the bridge into middle school. Be prepared to learn new concepts and expand thought processes. We're in for a great voyage!

In order that our gears are in motion as soon as the school year starts, the students are required to complete the following reading and math assignments this summer. These should not be considered optional, but please feel free to add more to the assignments to keep your minds active!

**Reading:**

Every student is required to read at least **two** books this summer. It is important for the student to choose books that s/he can enjoy and read easily\*. The student must complete a book report on both books, and should be done on the attached book report forms. **They are due the first week of school. This will be a quiz grade for the first quarter.**

**Math:**

Summer maintenance of math skills is vital. Incoming fifth graders are required to know all their addition and subtraction facts, as well as the multiplication and division facts. **A test on math facts will be given sometime in the first two weeks of school and the grade will count in the first quarter average.**

Knowing these facts from the very beginning of school is important to establishing a firm foundation on which to build the more critical skills of fractions, decimals and percents studied in the fifth grade.

**Every student is required to complete the accompanying math packet, due the first week of school.**

**This will count as a quiz grade for the first quarter.** Please have your student work through 2 or 3 pages a day and not wait until the end of summer to complete all the activities. Studies have shown that students who do not practice their skills for months will regress and have a more difficult transition back to the math curriculum. It is important your child does the work correctly. After your child completes the problems in each section, you can check their work to ensure comprehension. These are all skills that were taught in fourth grade.

There are a number of websites that are good for drill and practice. One site that is highly recommended is [www.mrnussbaum.com](http://www.mrnussbaum.com). This site is free and provides practice in a wide range of math skills as well as practice in other content areas. Students love to play these computer games and learn at the same time.

Most of all, enjoy your summer! Stay on top of your skills, but relax and get out in the sun too. Get ready for an exciting year in fifth grade!

God Bless,

Mrs. Reid

\*A few suggestions on book lists (not personal recommendations, just giving you a place to start):

- <http://www.brrsd.k12.nj.us/curriculum.cfm?subpage=1003>
- <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/book-selection-tips/build-4th-grade-reading-list-your-growing-reader>
- <http://readingtokids.org/Books/BooksGrade.php#4>