

Welcome to the 5th Grade!

We have given you a reading and math assignment to complete over the summer break. Working over the summer will ensure an easier transition into 5th grade and with the right mindset, we are sure you will balance the fun of summer with your required work.

Essay questions may be typed or handwritten neatly on loose-leaf.

Please be sure to practice your times tables over the summer, as this is most important to 5th grade readiness in mathematics. You should be fluent with all the tables from 2 through 12.

Have a great summer!

The 5th Grade Teachers

*****Please Note*****

The entire packet will be due on the first day of school.

5th Grade Summer Assignments

After reading **one** of the books from the list, choose **one** of the following essay questions to answer.

******Your essay should be well planned and include an introduction, body, and conclusion, be sure to proofread your final copy for any grammar or spelling errors.

CHOOSE ONE ESSAY QUESTION:

1. Compare and contrast two characters from the novel. Explain how the author's development of a character allows us to make judgments about the protagonist (good guy) and his or her antagonist (bad guy.) What characteristics and traits do we see throughout the novel? How do characters develop or change over the course of time? Cite evidence from the text to support your analysis.
2. Explain the conflict and resolution of the story. Identify the main problems the protagonist (good guy) faces in the novel. Then explain how the protagonist handles these problems. Use specific evidence from the text as you discuss the choices that existed for the character and how their decisions served to resolve the conflict.
3. Oftentimes, setting greatly affects other aspects of a story. In what way is the setting of this novel responsible for the conflicts the characters find themselves in? In your analysis, use textual evidence to provide a detailed description of location and sense of time period. Finally, explain how the setting deepens your appreciation of the novel.

Fifth Grade Books

Please choose a book that is on (or closest) to your reading level.

LEVEL Q	Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard and Florence Atwater
LEVEL R	Shiloh	Phyllis R. Naylor
LEVEL S	Charlotte's Web	E.B. White
LEVEL S	The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden, Garth Williams
LEVEL T	From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E L Konisburg
LEVEL T	Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth George Speare
LEVEL U	Sing Down the Moon	Scott O'Dell
LEVEL U	Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine
LEVEL V	The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett, Tasha Tudor
LEVEL V	The Music of Dolphins	Karen Hesse
LEVEL W	The Secret of NIMH	Robert C Brien
LEVEL W	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
LEVEL X	Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi
LEVEL X	The Wednesday Wars	Gary D. Schmidt