

Dear Incoming 5th Graders and Families,

I hope you enjoy your summer break! It is a time to relax and enjoy family, friends and warm weather. In preparation for our work together in Grade 5 I also have some work for you to do.

Reading:

Over the summer I ask that each incoming 5th grader reads TWO chapter books.

1-Fiction chapter book (realistic fiction, historical fiction, graphic novels, adventure, fantasy, sci-fi, whatever genre you enjoy the most)

AND

1-Non-fiction chapter book (the Who Was... series has many options, see the link for details: <http://www.whowasbookseries.com/who-was/>)

When you return in August we will be writing about and discussing what we have read over the Summer. ***Although I could spend hours and dollars at the bookstore your local library is the best place to start, and you may be pleasantly surprised at the Summer events they have going on as well!

Math:

I ask that each incoming 5th grade spend at least 20 minutes a week practicing Math fact fluency on <https://xtramath.org/#/home/index>. Mrs. Meehan sent home your Xtramath login, please use it. I recommend 5 to 10 minutes of fact practice a couple of times a week, although I know some may choose to complete one 20-minute session. Fact fluency is an important part of the work we will do together in Grade 5 Math.

One more thing, as you go about your Summer adventures I would like you to collect a stone. Put the stone in a special place and write **the date, where** you collected the stone and **why** you chose to collect that stone on that day. We will be sharing our stones and stories when we return in August.

Happy Summer, I'm looking forward to meeting you all in August!

☺ Mrs. Easler