

BRIDGING TO 5th-Summer Skills Practice

Welcome to 5th Grade at FPD!



Read This Summer:



- ❑ Reading 20 minutes a day will allow your child to show reading gains over the summer and enter fifth grade ready to learn!
- ❑ Make sure to complete the fifth grade summer reading activities found on our FPD website.

Helpful Websites and Resources:

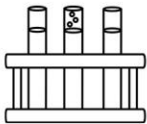


- ❑ Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org) is a great resource to use to review fourth grade math skills. FPD fourth grade students have created usernames and passwords and have joined the class with their assigned work. Students new to FPD can join this class by emailing Kristen.Kreutner@fpdmacon.org and for assistance with additional questions). Khan Academy assignments are optional for rising fifth grade students. Students will have unlimited attempts until August 7th to complete each assignment with 100% accuracy. The fifth grade math teacher will receive a report of students' summer progress in Khan Academy.
- ❑ <https://az02204140.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/AZ02204140/Centricity/Domain/850/1200wordlist.pdf> (High Frequency Word List)

Academic Skills Practice:



Language Arts



Math



- Legible, neat, and functional cursive handwriting.
- Mastery of the 5 parts of a complete sentence:
 1. Starts with a capital letter.
 2. Ends with a period.
 3. Has a subject.
 4. Has a verb.
 5. Makes sense.

- Mastery of basic parts speech (noun, pronoun, verb, adjective and adverb).
- Growing ability to identify basic parts of speech in context of a sentence/paragraph.
- Good understanding of the usage of capital letters and punctuation.
- Good understanding of story structure and components. [Beginning, middle and end. Setting, characters, problem, and solution.]
- Students should be able to write a grade level appropriate paragraph.
- Students should be able to read grade level texts fluently.
- Mastery of Sifton Spelling high frequency words (#1-500 - see web site above).

- Fluency with multiplication facts (able to answer 15-20 basic multiplication problems in one minute).
- Multiplication Facts to 12.
- Multiplication and division of multi-digit numbers.
- Multiplication of 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers.
- Division, including 3-digit numbers divided by 1-digit numbers.
- Place value for multi-digit whole numbers (to the hundred-thousands place).
- Place value for decimal numbers (to the hundredth place).
- Fluency with addition facts.
- Addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers.
- Correct application of order of operations (parentheses, multiplication/division, addition/subtraction).

Other Summer Learning Activities to Enjoy:

Visit the local library! Join a summer reading program! Keep a summer journal to write and draw about fun things! Play games!





2024 Summer Reading List

First Presbyterian Day School

Dear Lower School Parents,

The purpose of our Elementary Summer Reading Program is to nurture the habit of reading and to develop secure skills by engaging in daily reading opportunities. Strong reading skills help students in every academic area and prepare them for a lifetime love of learning. Nothing can take the place of reading when it comes to building vocabulary, language, comprehension, and writing skills. All children enjoy cuddling up to read a good book, especially when they've found a book they love!

Parents, please make sure to monitor time and activities on digital devices this summer to be sure programs are appropriate and your child is safe. Research states that a child who is read to or reads 20 minutes a day is more successful in academics. Children who create things develop stronger problem-solving skills. Reading and creating – what a wonderful combination for summer fun!

We suggest giving your child as many reading opportunities as possible – to be read to, to read aloud, to read to themselves, and to read for an audience such as siblings, family, or grandparents. Help your child find things to read that interest them. As you travel and vacation, read signs, trucks, and billboards.

Thank you for helping nurture a love for reading throughout the summer, beyond just completing required assignments. Let's all work together as we watch their love for reading grow!

Happy reading! We can't wait to see you back on campus very soon!

Mrs. Shannon Bryant

Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading List

(student name)

(parent signature)

(date)

The following books should NOT be read during the summer because we will read these together during the school year:

Blood on the River by Elisa Carbone

Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

The Green Ember by S. D. Smith

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling

We will have a book report project each quarter as listed below. It might be helpful for you to know the quarter in which each project will be assigned.

Quarter 1- Select a new biography for Pumpkin Biography

Quarter 2- Select a new fiction book to write a Letter to the Author

Quarter 3- Select a new fiction book [with fictional character] for Wax Museum

Quarter 4- Select a Newbery Award Winning Book for Power Point Presentation

Rising 5th graders are required to read three different books during the summer.

1. _____

(title)

(author)

Choose an upper elementary chapter book to read. You will take an AR test on this book this summer (from home) or during the first full week of school in the fall. The AR link can be found at <https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/55535>.

Students will use their username and password from fourth grade. If you are new to FPD, please email mindy.krejci@fpdmacon.org for log-in assistance.

2. _____

(title)

(author)

Choose another upper elementary chapter book to read. Prepare a Book Share (like a show-and-tell for books) to be presented during the first two weeks of school. Choose an item represented in the book and bring it in to show the class. Students should be prepared to briefly tell the story and explain how the object is related to the book and why it is important in the story.

3. Frindle

Andrew Clements

Frindle will be assessed when students return to school in the fall. We will complete several activities as a review and take a test during the first few weeks of school.

***Please fill out this page completely and turn it in to your Reading teacher on the first day of school.**

We encourage you to monitor your child's book selections so they will be a good fit for your child and your family. The following books have been suggested by fifth graders or other "experts" in children's literature, but we cannot be certain that the content and reading level will suit your child. The following links might be helpful if you have questions about a book your child wants to read.

[http://www.pluggedin.com/book-review/?p=08%3Cf%3D20\\$%3Cs%3Dalias&%3Co=asc](http://www.pluggedin.com/book-review/?p=08%3Cf%3D20$%3Cs%3Dalias&%3Co=asc)

<http://ccbreview.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

(Please do not read a book that you read in previous grades.)

Some popular suggestions for **books #2 and #3** are listed below:

Fiction

A Nest for Celeste, A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home by Henry Cole

Another Quest for Celeste, A Story About Abe Lincoln, Honesty, and the Power of Friendship by Henry Cole

Brambleheart, A Story About Finding Treasure and the Unexpected Magic of Friendship by Henry Cole

Bayberry Island, An Adventure About Friendship and the Journey Home by H. Cole

The Somewhat True Adventures of Sammy Shine by Henry Cole

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements (if not read for last year's summer reading option)

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (if not read for last year's summer reading option)

Potterwookiee by Obert Skye

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene Dubois

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

My Own Lighting by Lauren Wolk

Odder by Katherine Applegate

Historical Fiction

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Journey to America by Sonia Levitin

Letters from Rifka by Karen Hesse

Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson

Non-Fiction

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Down to the Last Out by Walter Dean Myers

Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo

Stolen into Slavery-The True Story of Solomon Northup, Free Black Man by Judith and Dennis Fradin

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Books About Animals

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (if not read for last year's summer reading option)

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen

Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Popular Series

*****Be sure that the book you choose from a series is a 5.0 grade level or above OR worth at least 3 AR points. *****

Crispin Trilogy (should be read in order) by Avi

Great Illustrated Classics

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (if not read for last year's summer reading option)

Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling

I Survived ... series by Lauren Tarshis

The Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan

The Kingdom Keepers by Ridley Pearson

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

Storm Runners by Roland Smith

The Secret Series by Pseudonymous Bosch

The Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket & Brett Helquist

Wingfeather by Andrew Peterson

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Ark, the Reed and the Fire Cloud (The Amazing Tales of Max and Liz) by Jenny Cote

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Paper Magician by Charlie Holmberg

Vanderbeekers by Karina Yan Glaser

The Warrior Cat Series by Erin Hunter

City Spies Series by James Ponti

Popular Authors

Beverly Cleary

Andrew Clements

Gary Paulsen

Rick Riordan

Recommended for *GIRLS* by Fifth Graders

Confetti Girl by Diana Lopez

Eight Keys by Suzanne LaFleur

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Half Upon a Time by James Riley

The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine

Socks by Beverly Cleary

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Recommended for *BOYS* by Fifth Graders

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen

Force Out by Tim Green

Holes by Louis Sachar

Robin Hood (select an age appropriate version)

The Name of This Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch

The Swiss Family Robinson (select an age-appropriate version)

Hero 2 Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

Some final thoughts...

Our co-curricular teachers highly recommend:

Faith-based books (Bible stories, biographies of missionaries, books about Christian virtues, Christian fiction chapter books, etc.)

The Art of Miss Chew and other titles by Patricia Polacco

The Boy Who Drew Birds, a Story of John James Audubon (art and science) by Jacqueline Davies

Vincent van Gogh and the Colors of the Wind by Chiara Lossani

Through Georgia's Eyes by Rachel Victoria Rodriguez

The many books about artists by Laurence Anholt

Three series by Mike Venezia called *Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists*; *Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers*; and *Getting to Know the World's Greatest Inventors and Scientists*

Any age-appropriate biographies

Any age-appropriate non-fiction books about science, history, geography, and other countries and their cultures

Spanish or bilingual books

Poetry books (Children's favorites are Silverstein, Prelutsky, Lansky, Nesbitt, and Florian.)

Fables, folk tales, tall tales, and fairy tales

Books to tie in with summer vacations (seashells, oceans, mountains, biking, swimming, etc.)

Consider subscribing to a children's magazine – *Zoobooks*, *National Geographic for Little Kids* (for younger children), *National Geographic for Kids* (for upper elementary), or *Sports Illustrated for Kids*.

Happy reading! Summer is such a wonderful time to share the joy of reading for pleasure while keeping your children's reading skills sharp!