

Summer Activities for Rising Fifth Graders

Math: Practice multiplication/division facts with flash cards until they are AUTOMATIC.

Reading: Read (at least) one book for entertainment fiction) and one for information (non-fiction). The books should be on your reading level as reported on the STAR Test. Use the accompanying book report forms for each book.

Some fiction books (just suggestions) that are between 4th and 6th grade reading levels and on the AR list are:

The Enormous Egg, Oliver Butterworth

Holes, Louis Sacher

Mr. Popper's Penguins, Richard and Florence Atwater

On the banks of Plum Creek, Laura Ingalls Wilder

Ginger Pye, Eleanor Estes

Phoenix Rising, Karen Hesse

Missing May, Cynthia Rylant

James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl

McMummy, Betsy Byars

One-Eyed Cat, Paula Fox

Some non-fiction books (just suggestions) that are between 4th and 6th grade reading level and on the AR list are:

When Clay Sings, Byrd Taylor

Trail of Tears, Michael Burgan

Minerals, Holly Cefrey

Magic School Bus Inside the Earth, Joanna Cole

Igloo, Yasmine Cordoba

Christopher Columbus, Christy DeVillier

Shoshone, Dennis Fradin

Nature's Green Umbrella, Gail Gibbons

Magic School Bus in the Rainforest, Scholastic

Bring your book reports the first day of school, and be ready to take your first AR Tests.

Writing: Write a 5 paragraph essay about yourself. Write in your best CURSIVE and use this format:

Paragraph 1 – Introduce yourself. Tell when/where you were born, where you live, who your family members are, and what pets (if any) you have.

Paragraph 2 – Tell about 2 or 3 things you really like and why.

Paragraph 3 – Tell about 2 or 3 things you really DO NOT like and why.

Paragraph 4 – Tell about at least 3 goals you would like to reach as a fifth grader and why.

Paragraph 5 – Describe your physical appearance in a way that I will instantly recognize you the first day of 5th grade!

Drop the essay off at my mailbox at Kilby before the first day of school, or mail to:

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