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Hello Incoming Fifth Grade Families!

I hope you have been enjoying the first week of summer vacation. The weather has been glorious! I want to touch base with you about the summer reading requirement as well as to give you some resources if you would like some for your child.

The purpose of any summer reading assignment is to encourage a child to read over the summer and to keep fresh the skills they acquired in the previous grade. The assignment I have given also introduces the Literature Circle format we will be using in fifth grade. The summer reading assignment is not meant to be a burden nor do I expect perfection! The most important aspect of it is that your child is enjoying his/her reading and takes a few minutes to think about what he/she has read. I have chosen simple jobs as part of the summer reading packet. Each should take no more than 15 minutes to complete (and most less than that) and your child should be able to complete it independently. I have asked that each student complete a minimum of three jobs. Please know that if your child is unable to complete that requirement for any reason, I encourage you to have your child choose and complete one job he/she understands well and you can send me a note on the packet. The single most important goal is to have your child read one piece of literature over the summer and enjoy it!

Secondly, I am attaching here some resources for practice if you would like to have your child do some fun practice work over the summer. This is not a requirement! The math facts site is one I use in class to have kids increase automaticity with math facts and the other sites are great to maintain or build skills. Some parents look for these over the summer and I want you to have them handy if you need them.

Finally, enjoy your summer! August will be here before you know it and the work of children, PLAY, is one of the most important things they can do over their break! Summer is the best time for lots of it!

Have a fabulous summer and I will see you in August!

Fondly,

Debbie Ambrose

IF YOU NEED THEM, HERE THEY ARE:

Summer Fun: <https://www.education.com/activity/fifth-grade/summer-fun/>

Web Math Minute: <http://www.webmathminute.com/online.asp>

Wordly Wise: (vocab building) <http://www.wordlywise3000.com/games/book04.cfm>

Fun Brain Games: <https://www.funbrain.com/>

Abcya: <http://www.abcya.com/>