



Dear parents of Upcoming Fifth Grade Students,

With the summer ahead, we know it is difficult to already begin thinking about another school year. However, we are greatly looking forward to beginning a new year of learning with your child in our classes. We hope you and your child enjoy this summer vacation by spending lots of time outside, exploring God's creation, trying new activities, and having fantastic family time.

As life-long learners, we encourage our students to continue learning and practicing some skills so they will stay sharp over the summer break.

- Summer Reading – Your child has been assigned The Magician's Nephew for their summer reading. Please refer to the Summer Reading attachment so you will know all of the expectations with this book.
- Read for FUN – We love when students find books that they love and can't put down. So, find a book and sit outside on a hammock or a blanket and get carried away into another world or discover some cool and interesting facts about God's world.
- Math facts – By fifth grade students are expected to have all math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) memorized for quick recall. Taking a few minutes each week with games, IXL, or flash cards will help your child stay fresh. I encourage students to spend extra time on multiplication facts with a goal of 100 problems in 3 minutes.
- IXL.com – For students who struggle with math concepts, language skills, reading skills or want extra practice to get ahead, this is a great website. For returning students you will still have access to IXL throughout the summer. Your 4th grade teachers may have made recommendations and expectations for you as well. Please follow those guidelines to help in your preparation for 5th grade. For new students this is a great site that offers practice in a variety of skills, but does require a monthly membership fee.

We hope you enjoy this summer and are able to get out more with some ease of quarantine restrictions. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. As we all prepare for this exciting time of learning, please pray for all of us involved with PCA's fifth grade – relationships among students, parents, teachers, and faculty. Pray for us that we will be the best teachers for your child and pray for your child to be motivated to succeed. Have a wonderful summer break, and we will see you in July!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pullias, Mrs. Waldrop, Mrs. Whitt
PCA's 5th grade teachers.