



FIFTH GRADE is a year of change. Children develop physically, socially and academically. Very often there is a sudden growth. Socially, there are small, tightly-knit groups and increased peer pressure.

In school, assignments are often long-range and more complex. Students are expected to gather, organize, and report information independently.



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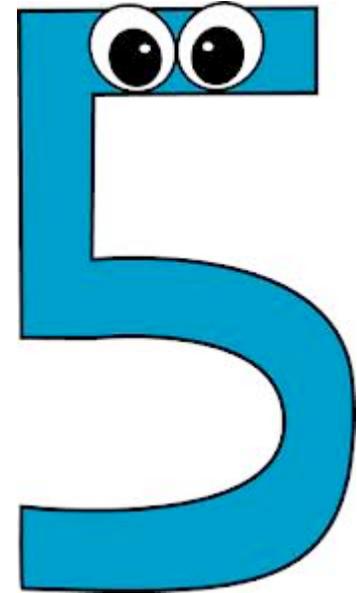
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5th Grade

**Parent Guide to
Core Curriculum**

2018-2019

The following skills are concepts which are introduced and/or reinforced in the fifth grade:

Literacy

Students are expected to comprehend 5th grade level narrative and informational text.

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the following concepts:

- Drawing Conclusions
- Tone
- Theme
- Compare/Contrast
- Inference
- Figurative Language
- Story Structure
- Point of View
- Decoding
- Fluency
- Main Idea
- Summarize
- Genre
- Text Structure



Language

Students are expected to demonstrate and apply grammar skills in:

- Prepositions, conjunctions, interjections
- Verb Tense
- Commas
- Titles
- Idioms, Proverbs, Adages
- Synonyms, Anonyms, Homographs
- Dictionary/Thesaurus Skills

Writing

Students are expected to use research based writing strategies and evidence to compose:

- Personal Narrative
- Opinion Piece
- Informative/Explanatory Piece

Students will follow the writing process to publish their pieces throughout the year.

Math

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Write and interpret numerical expressions ($(6+6) \div 2$ is the sum of 6 and 6 divided by 2)
- Analyze patterns and relationships between numbers

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Understand the place value system
- Perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and with decimals

Numbers and Operations—Fractions

- Use equivalent (equal) fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions
- Add and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to multiply and divide fractions

Measurement and Data

- Convert like measurement units with a given measurement system
- Represent and interpret data
- Understand concepts of volume

Geometry

- Graph points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world and mathematical problems
- Classify two dimensional figures into categories based on their properties

Science

Ecosystems

- Focus in on food webs and how energy transfers in the web of life, decomposition, human impact, and change

Matter

- Molecular models of matter, change and conservation, and physical/chemical change, mixtures/solutions

Earth Systems

- Geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere and their interactions, weather, climate, predicting weather, human impact



Social Studies

Demonstrate an understanding of U.S. History:

- Era 1, Beginning to 1620
- Era 2, Colonization & Settlement (1885 – 1763)
- Era 3, Revolution & The New Nation (1754 – 1800)

Goals

Our goal is to have a reporting system that:

- Improves communications and cooperation among school, home, and community
- Reflects state/national common core standards
- Uses both objective measures and professional judgment about academic performance and personal growth
- Is based on established developmental stages
- Expresses clear expectations for students
- Encourages children to share responsibility for the quality of their learning through portfolios and conferencing
- Enables monitoring of student learning
- Prepares students for lifelong learning in a challenging society