



Grade 5 – Summer Work

Students entering fifth grade in the fall are required to read at least TWO books and are encouraged to work on math skills over the summer.

Digital format (Kindle) is acceptable, as is audiobook accompaniment for readers who benefit from it. Many digital books are accessible through Park's Digital Library and *Hoopla* (Boston Public Library's digital resource, which all Massachusetts residents can access for free).

To strengthen the home-and-school connection, you are invited (but by no means required) to read these selections alongside your child. Most of all, please join us in promoting reading as a wonderful way to relax, and enjoy the summer.

Literacy

Our intention for summer reading is to promote a lifelong love of reading, enrich our students' understanding of the world, and prepare them for the Upper Division.

We encourage your family to check out [Summer Reading Ideas](#), the curated list of books from our library team. The Park Library offers ebooks and audiobooks which can be accessed through your browser or mobile apps. You can see our catalog by visiting [Sora](#). If you are new to Park please contact Tory Lane, lanev@parkschool.org, Library Director, to set up your child's access to this great resource!

Touch Typing

Just as you use your mouth to speak or your pen to write, you must be equally skilled at using a keyboard to communicate in today's world. Grade 5 teachers expect that students are able to type a full page in one sitting.

Please have your child log in and practice on go.qwertytown.com

Math

Just as students benefit from reading throughout the summer, regular practice with problem-solving, computation, and math facts will maintain and strengthen the mathematical gains made during the school year. For students who would benefit from targeted skill practice, we recommend that families purchase the [Spectrum Math Workbook](#). For students seeking more mixed skill review, we recommend [Summer Math Skill Sharpener](#) workbook. Please purchase the grade level your child just completed (Grade 4). Online resources, such as [IXL](#) and [Khan Academy](#) also offer great practice.

We believe summer reading and math work helps children practice the skills they learned during the previous year and prepares them for the school year ahead. We hope your children will spend some time reading and doing math this summer. We have recommended grade-appropriate summer work for fifth grade students, which you can find on the [Summer Academic Resources](#) webpage.