



Grade 5 Summer Tips

Keep Academic Skills Strong This Summer in Preparation for Grade 6

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READING

Required Summer Reading Information

Reading Comprehension:

This attachment has questions that parents could ask their child before, during, and after reading. There are questions for fiction and informational texts.

Comprehension Strategies for Rising Sixth Graders

WRITING

Keep a journal throughout the summer. Write about the trips you go on and the fun adventures you have.



POWER WRITE: It is important to exercise your writing muscles over the summer. A fun way to do that is with power write! We did them throughout the year, so students should be familiar.

Round One: Give students two words. It could be two random words like "avoid" and "pickle". Have them write the words at the top of their page. These words act as inspiration. Set the timer for one minute (or longer if they are ready) and tell students to write as fast as they can about that word or a story that includes that word. Anything that comes to mind; there are no limitations. When time is up, have them count the number of words they wrote. Record on the side how many words they were able to write.

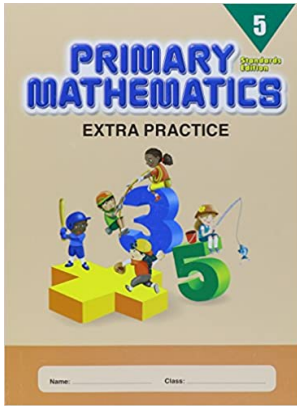
Round Two: Same directions, only with two different words like "chocolate" and "pizza." Record word count again.

Round Three: Repeat with two more words like "summer" and "winter." Then, record the amount of words again.

Most students will be able to conclude that with each round, they got faster. Then some will generalize that maybe writers need to get "warmed-up" when writing just like athletes do when playing a sport. Some may realize that their words decreased in the rounds. This may mean that their stamina is low and they need to keep working at this rate before bumping up the minutes.

As the summer goes on, bump up the minutes in the three rounds to increase your writing stamina.

MATH



[Fifth Grade Math Extra Practice Book](#)

For additional practice, you can purchase a math extra practice workbook on Amazon. This workbook is extra practice from our entire year of math and includes an answer key.

Math fact fluency is an essential skill for rising sixth graders. Practice your multiplication facts to keep them sharp.

When in doubt, practice fraction and decimal concepts. Students will be starting with these concepts in sixth grade. Any blank workbook pages that weren't used during the school year can be used at home for practice.

Complete some model drawing on the [Thinking Blocks site](#) on math playground.

Talk about numbers in your daily conversation. Things such as “How long will it take to get there? How many miles will we drive today on our vacation?” Talking about measurements in all areas of life will help your student continue to have number sense.

Play games with your child like [Rummikub](#), [Sequence](#), and [Sets](#). These games use logical reasoning and numbers to win.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Use the following websites or apps to study your maps- states, countries, oceans, and more:



[Your Child Learns Online Map Puzzles](#)

Stack the States App

Use the following link to complete the Colonial America Simulation we used in class:

[Colonial America Simulation](#)

STEM




Use the following link for some fun STEM ideas:

[The STEM Lab](#)

[STEAM and STEM Activities](#)

HELPFUL LINKS

All Charlotte Christian students are strongly encouraged to read over the summer!
Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

	<p>NC Kids Digital Library</p> <p>https://nckids.overdrive.com/ Username: Library card number Provided by Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's ONE Access program which offers public library accounts for all students.</p>
	<p>Storia by Scholastic</p> <p>https://digital.scholastic.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clever Login with Google● first.last@student.charchrist.com● Password: CCSMMDDYY (capital CCS 6-digit birthday) <p>Digital ebooks for students in grades 3-5.</p>
	<p>Epic</p> <p>https://www.getepic.com/students Sign in with code: zwq8099 then select your name. Epic is a great online program that gives you access to a lot of great digital books. Please see the link below to learn how to login to Epic and access your account.</p>