

# Entering 5th grade in 2024-2025

## Summer recommendations

Futurs CM2 / incoming 5th graders for 24/25 school year

Vacation is a time to relax and discover new things. However, we recommend carving out a small amount of time for some summer practice in order to continue cultivating knowledge and skills.

### French

#### LISTENING

Here is a list of podcasts for children :

- [Les p'tits bateaux](#) : Every Sunday at 7:30 pm on **France Inter**, children ask questions such as *When does the sun set? What happens when you cut a worm in half?*, and on . Historians and scientists use their expertises to respond to the children's questions.

- [Oli des histoires audio](#) :

On **France Inter**, a series of French stories for children narrated by French Authors.

-[Encore une histoire](#)

Listen to books/stories (podcast)

-[Les Odyssées](#)

More stories about Worldwide events or important People.

- [Les fictions Jeunesse](#)

On **France Culture**, stories are not only for adults, but for children as well! Especially stories by the best authors, like Fabrice Melquiot and Marie Desplechin.

-[Un jour une actu](#)

Shorts videos responding to a question asked by a child.

-[C'est pas sorcier](#)

Longer videos (30 min) about Science and History.

#### READING

Students should keep reading both in English and French during the summer, and they should be reading every day.

They can read whatever books they want.

For French, students still have access to [rallye-lecture.fr](http://rallye-lecture.fr) using the same password they used in class.

Here are some other websites where you can find texts in French.

[Short édition jeunesse](#)

Short stories for young readers.

[Littérature jeunesse libre](#)

An online library that gives access to a lot of children's books for free.

### [FNAC](#)

This page provides several children's books to download in the ePUB format.

### [Livres pour tous](#)

Thousands of books to read for free. Mainly classics.

In English, students have access to [Epic!](#) Students may read eBooks on Epic, but I also recommend that they use this tool to listen to audiobooks and/or “read to me” books. I also recommend visiting your public library, making sure the student has a library card and letting them pick out their books.

### WRITING

**a. You may want to purchase vacation workbooks (“Cahiers de vacances”) to continue practicing their skills.** They exist for each grade level and offer activities in Math and French - Reading , Spelling, Writing exercises and answer sheets.

**Please choose “Du CM1 au CM2” (4th to 5th grade)**

Several publishers (Hachette Education, Nathan, Hatier, Bordas) offer vacation workbooks and any of them is fine as they all follow the French curriculum.

Hachette Education [here](#).

B. Encourage writing activities such as writing a postcard, a diary twice or three times a week, emails, etc

### Math

-[Calcul@TICE](#) (Math in French)

- [IXL](#) (Math and English). Use your student school credentials.

### French Apps

[Bayam](#), is offering a lot of its content in a free version.

[Whisperies](#) offers many books in English and in French (you have to change the language in settings).

### Watching French movies

[Benshi](#) is a streaming platform that offers movies for children in French.

On Netflix :

You can search "French-Language" in the children section.

On Youtube : You can search for some shows such as:

Les aventures de Tom Sawyer (episodes)

Les aventures de Tintin (episodes)

Ariol (episodes)

Tom-Tom et Nana (episodes)

Enjoy the summer!