

FAMILY LEARNING GUIDE



DAVENPORT
Community Schools
GROWING EXCELLENCE



A Parent's Guide to Fifth Grade

BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, WE EXPECT THAT A FIFTH GRADE STUDENT CAN:

LEARNING ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY

LANGUAGE ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and comprehend grade-level texts Summarize texts and determine the theme from details Read accurately and at a rate that supports comprehension Write for a variety of purposes (narratives, opinion, informative) Take part in class discussions expressing ideas and collaborating Compare and contrast characters, settings, or events Summarize texts including main ideas and key details Decode words using phonics and word analysis skills Adapt speech to a variety of tasks and purposes Learn and use a rich vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read with your child each day Re-read your child's favorite stories often Create a quiet, special place for your child to read, write, and draw Write stories together about real or imagined events Review and practice spelling and vocabulary words Talk about books that your child is reading and ask questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read from a variety of children's books Take books and writing materials with you wherever you go Encourage your child to write every day Discuss new words to help build your child's vocabulary Visit a Davenport Public Library branch
MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read, write and compare decimals to thousandths Multiply whole multi-digit numbers using an algorithm Divide numbers with up to four-digits by two-digits Add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals to the hundredths Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue practicing multiplication facts within 100 (facts from 0 to 10) Practice calculating decimals by using money, weights, length, etc. Find real-world opportunities to talk about fractions while you are baking / cooking, exercising, eating pizza, playing sports, building/-constructing, etc. and practice calculating with them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join a math summer camp at places like the Putnam Museum, area colleges, and the Family Museum
SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment Determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances Study patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky Learn about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at the stars on a cloudless night; track where the constellations appear at the same time of night once a week. Visit the John Deere Planetarium at Augustana College - Contact http://helios.augustana.edu/astronomy Cook! Talk about how the food changes during the cooking process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch Discovery Channel programs (such as Mythbusters and How It's Made). Connect how science is part of everyday life Check out summer science camps in our area
SOCIAL STUDIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how the founding documents of the United States were developed. Identify how these documents guide decisions Explore multiple perspectives people have regarding their rights and responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take your student to the Common Ground exhibit at the Putnam and discuss how our region has changed since the beginning of settlement Attend a government meeting (City Council, School Board, etc.) with your child and talk about the process of being an active citizen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about how laws, rules, and processes have changed over time to protect, restrict, or extend human rights

Fifth graders experience a broad range of instruction that supports and enriches academic learning and understanding.

Arts Education

- Line, color, shape, form, space, texture, proportion
- Drawing, painting, museums/displaying art, craft
- Explore preferences and how artistic choices influence meaning and mood
- Create and present a personal portfolio

Music Education

- Blues music and River Currents Tour
- Choral performance opportunity
- String program continues
- Band program begins

Successful Learner

- Communicate with others
- Recognize different roles and expectations in the classroom
- Show leadership
- Show responsibility
- Develop independence
- Stay on task
- Accept responsibility

Health/Physical Education

- Develop skills in a variety of team sports such as volleyball and basketball
- Be exposed to fitness concepts and be introduced to fitness assessment
- Practice interpersonal skills and communication skills through participation in small and large group activities
- Visit our parks for family fun and exercise or join the YMCA for family fitness

Social Emotional Learning

Self-Awareness

- Identifying emotions
- Accurate self-perception
- Self-confidence

Self-Management

- Impulse control
- Stress management
- Self-discipline and self-motivation
- Goal setting
- Organizational skills

Social Awareness

- Perspective taking and empathy
- Appreciating diversity and respect for others
- Civic engagement

Relationship Skills

- Communication
- Social engagement
- Relationship building
- Teamwork

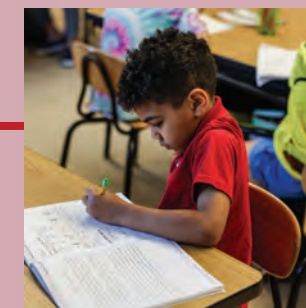
Responsible Decision-Making

- Identifying problems
- Analyzing situations and solving problems
- Evaluating and reflecting
- Ethical responsibility

TALK WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Academic targets provide a great opportunity for you to talk with teachers about what your child is learning in school and how you can support that learning at home. Be sure to ask about:

- Learning targets
- Your child's progress
- Ways you can support learning



Useful links can be found at davenportschools.org



For more information, please contact your child's school or call the Learning and Results Department at 563-336-7460.

This series of resource guides is designed to provide additional information and resources to assist parents and community members in their work with elementary-aged students from Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

The Davenport Community School District mission celebrates the role of parents and community partners in supporting and extending learning beyond the school day. Our district goals align with the statewide efforts of the Iowa Core, dedicated to improving teaching and learning for each and every student.



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