



# ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING

2026



# RISING TK STUDENTS' SUMMER READING

Dear parents of rising Transitional Kindergarteners:

We hope you are anticipating a fun-filled summer with your soon-to-be Transitional Kindergartener. Your teacher is looking forward to working with you and your student in August. We feel blessed that your child and your family will be a part of our school for the upcoming years.

HGCS is very intentional in their efforts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful. Research has proven there is a direct correlation between reading to your child and his/her success in learning how to read. Our summer reading program is designed to foster this relationship. It has also been shown that children who read over the summer will benefit in the following areas: reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling and grammatical development. Student participation in this program is required.

[The Importance of Reading to Kids Daily](#)

[Importance of Reading With Kids: 10 Great Benefits](#)

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) students are asked to read 20 books. Shared reading between parent and student may be recorded as well.

For every 5 books read, the student will win a prize from Chick-fil-A (coupons received when school begins.) Completed form required to receive coupons and breakfast participation.

5 books— Cookie coupon  
10 books— Chick-n-Minis coupon  
15 books— Milkshake coupon  
20 books— 8 Pack Nugget coupon

We have a class goal of 100 books. If we meet our class goal, we will enjoy a breakfast sponsored by Chick-fil-A when school begins in the fall.

This will be a wonderful experience for both you and your child. Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to celebrating your summer reading with a Chick-fil-A breakfast.

Happy Reading!



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# ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING DOCUMENTATION FOR REWARDS

Parents of rising TK students, please record book titles as you read to your students. This completed form is required for your TK student to receive reward coupons from Chick-fil-A the first month of school. Students who return this completed form the first full week of school will be eligible to participate in a Chick-fil-A reward breakfast.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Cookie Coupon

### Chick-n-Minis Coupon

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### Milkshake Coupon

### 8-piece Nugget Coupon

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## RISING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS' SUMMER READING

Dear parents of rising kindergarteners:

We hope you are anticipating a fun-filled summer with your soon-to-be Kindergartener. Your teacher is looking forward to working with you and your student in August. We feel blessed that your child and your family will be a part of our school for the upcoming years.

HGCS is very intentional in their efforts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful. Research has proven there is a direct correlation between reading to your child and his/her success in learning how to read. Our summer reading program is designed to foster this relationship. It has also been shown that children who read over the summer will benefit in the following areas: reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling and grammatical development. **Student participation in this program is required.**

Rising Kindergarten students are asked to read 20 books. Shared reading between parent and student may be recorded as well.

For every 5 books read, the student will win a prize from Chick-fil-A (coupons received when school begins. **Completed form required to receive coupons and breakfast participation.**

- 5 books— Cookie coupon
- 10 books— Chick-n-Minis coupon
- 15 books— Milkshake coupon
- 20 books— 8 Pack Nugget coupon

We have a class goal of 100 books. If we meet our class goal, we will enjoy a breakfast sponsored by Chick-fil-A when school begins in the fall.

This will be a wonderful experience for both you and your child. Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to celebrating your summer reading with a Chick-fil-A breakfast. Happy Reading!



## SUGGESTED READING: KINDERGARTEN

Asch, F	<i>Happy Birthday Moon</i>
Bourgeois, P	<i>Franklin</i> (any book)
Birdwell, Noah	<i>Clifford</i> (any book)
Brown, M.W.	any title
Brown, R	<i>The Big Sneeze</i>
Burton, V.	any title
Cannon, J.	<i>Stellaluna</i>
Carle, E.	any title
Carlstrom, N.	<i>Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?</i>
Crews, D.	any title
Degen, B.	<i>Jamberry</i>
de Paola, T.	<i>Strega Nona</i>
Ehlert, L.	<i>Eating the Alphabet</i>
Foreman, M.	<i>Over in the Meadow</i>
Freeman, D.	<i>Corduroy</i> (any book)
Galdone, P.	any fairytale
Guarino, D.	<i>Is Your Mama a Lama?</i>
Hoban, R.	<i>Frances</i> (any book)
Hoban, T.	any title
Keats, E.	any title
Lionni, L.	any title
Martin, B.	<i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear</i>
McCloskey, R.	<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>
Milne, A.A.	<i>Winnie the Pooh</i>
Morris, A.	<i>Hats, Hats, Hats</i>
Payne, E.	<i>Katy No-Pocket</i>
Piper, W.	<i>The Little Engine that Could</i>
Potter, B.	<i>Peter Rabbit</i>
Rey, M.	<i>Curious George</i>
Scheer, J.	<i>Rain Makes Applesauce</i>
Seuss, Dr.	any title
Sharmat, M.	<i>Gregory, the Terrible Eater</i>
Shaw, C.	<i>It Looked Like Spilt Milk</i>
Slobodkina, E.	<i>Caps for Sale</i>
Waddell, M.	<i>Owl Babies</i>
Walsh, E.	<i>Mouse Count</i>
Wood, D	<i>Quick as a Cricket</i>
Ziefert, H.	<i>A New Coat for Anna</i>
Zion, G.	<i>Harry, the Dirty Dog</i>



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# ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING DOCUMENTATION FOR REWARDS

Parents of rising kindergarteners, please record book titles as you read to your students. This completed form is required for your K5 student to receive reward coupons from Chick-fil-A the first month of school. Students who return this completed form the first full week of school will be eligible to participate in a Chick-fil-A reward breakfast.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Cookie Coupon

### Chick-n-Minis Coupon

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### Milkshake Coupon

### 8-piece Nugget Coupon

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# RISING 1ST GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING

Dear parents of rising first graders:

We hope you are anticipating a fun-filled summer with your soon-to-be first grader. Your teacher is looking forward to working with you and your student in August. We feel blessed that your child and your family will be a part of our school for the upcoming years.

HGCS is very intentional in their efforts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful. Research has proven there is a direct correlation between reading to your child and his/her success in learning how to read. Our summer reading program is designed to foster this relationship. It has also been shown that children who read over the summer will benefit in the following areas: reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling and grammatical development. Student participation in this program is required. Most importantly, your child will be better prepared for first grade, develop life long skills as a reader, and nurture a love for books.

Rising first grade students are asked to read 40 books. Shared reading between parent and student may be recorded as well.

For every 10 books read, the student will win a prize from Chick-fil-A (coupons received when school begins.) **Completed form is required to receive coupons and breakfast participation.**

- 10 books— Cookie coupon
- 20 books— Chick-n-Minis coupon
- 30 books— Milkshake coupon
- 40 books— 8 Pack Nugget coupon

Please follow the link provided to check the levels of your books to ensure your child is reading on their independent reading level. [Book Leveler](#)

We have a class goal of 200 books. If we meet our class goal, we will enjoy a breakfast sponsored by Chick-fil-A when school begins in the fall.

This will be a wonderful experience for both you and your child. Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to celebrating your summer reading with a Chick-fil-A breakfast.

Happy Reading!



## SUGGESTED READING: 1ST GRADE

This is a suggested list. There is a wealth of good children's literature available. Feel free to read literature not on this list. As always, please be aware of the content of any children's literature and discuss it with your child from a Biblical worldview perspective.

Any book in the following reading series: (these may be purchased at your local bookstore or borrowed from the library of your choice)

- Bank Street Ready-to-Read Series Levels 1 and 2
- Step Into Reading Series Steps 1 and 2
- Hello Reader Series Levels 1 and 2
- Hear Me Read Series Levels 1 and 2

Books concerning the following popular characters/authors:

- Early Ready Bible
- Clifford
- Corduroy
- Froggy
- Laura Numeroff
- Frog and Toad
- Biscuit
- Splat the Cat
- Non-fiction books
- Eric Carle
- Paul Galdone
- Henry and Mudge
- Little Bear
- Franklin
- Dr. Seuss
- Jan Brett
- Pete the Cat
- Little Critter
- Fancy Nancy
- Amelia Bedelia
- Leo Lionni

*(Many of these books are available in Spanish)*



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Parents of rising first graders, please record book titles as you read to/with your students. This completed form is required for your first grade student to receive reward coupons from Chick-fil-A the first month of school. Students who return this completed form the first full week of school will be eligible to participate in a Chick-fil-A reward breakfast.

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**Chick-n-Minis Coupon**

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# RISING 2ND GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH

Dear parents of rising second graders:

We hope you are enjoying the summer with your soon-to-be second grader! Summer is a great time to slow down, create memories, reflect on the Lord's goodness and prepare for the upcoming school year.

The second grade teachers encourage the continuation of reading and math practices throughout the summer. Research has shown that reading great books and practicing math skills during the summer months are vital in student success, developing a love for learning and building confidence for the upcoming school year. There are two ways in which we will nurture this: our summer reading program and utilizing math websites.

### **Summer Reading Program:**

Rising second grade students are required to participate in the summer reading program. Students are asked to read 40 books. For every 10 books read, at least 2 need to be chapter books. Both independent reading and shared reading between parent and student may be recorded.

For every 10 books read, the student will receive a coupon from Chick-fil-A. The coupons will be given out at the beginning of the school year. Completing the attached form is required to receive coupons and to participate in the class breakfast.

- 10 books— Cookie coupon
- 20 books— Chick-n-Minis coupon
- 30 books— Milkshake coupon
- 40 books— 8 Pack Nugget coupon

We have a class goal of 500 books read! If we meet our class goal, we will enjoy a class breakfast sponsored by Chick-fil-A when school begins in the fall.

### **Summer Math Websites:**

One of the most important skills to practice this summer is math fact fluency. As we dive deeper into place value and adding/subtracting two and three-digit numbers, students will find that having a quick recall of addition and subtraction facts 0-20 will be of great value. Please have your student visit the following sites to work on math facts and other math skills:

- XtraMath
- Freckle
- Happy Numbers
- Math Playground

## SUGGESTED READING: 2ND GRADE

This is a suggested list. There is a great wealth of children's literature available. Feel free to read books not mentioned on this list.

As always, please be aware of the content found in children's books and discuss it with your child from a Biblical worldview.

**Books concerning the following popular characters/series/authors:**

- Amelia Bedelia
- Nate the Great
- Cam Jansen
- Henry and Mudge
- Ivy and Bean
- Magic Tree House
- Mercy Watson
- Stink
- Frog and Toad
- If You Give A...
- Who Would Win?
- National Geographic Kids
- What If You Had Animal...
- Tomie dePaola
- Mo Willems
- Adam Rubin
- Gail Gibbons

*(Many of these books are available in Spanish)*

Please visit the free website, [Scholastic Book Wizard](https://www.scholastic.com/book-wizard/), to identify "good fit" books for your student. You can find summaries of popular books, guided reading levels and suggested grade levels through a title search.



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# ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING DOCUMENTATION FOR REWARDS

Parents of rising second graders, please record the book titles your student reads. **Completing this form is required** for your rising second grade student to receive reward coupons from Chick-fil-A during the first month of school. For every 10 books read, at least 2 of the books need to be chapter books. Please indicate the chapter books by highlighting the title. Students who return this completed form during the first full week of school will be eligible to participate in a Chick-fil-A reward breakfast.

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## SUGGESTED MATH REVIEW: 2ND GRADE

- Math facts addition and especially subtraction 0-12
- Time hour and half hour
- Money - identifying coins, their value, counting a small amount of coins and forming different amounts of money
- Identifying Odd and Even numbers
- Solving simple word problems  
Ex. There were 6 rabbits in the yard. 3 more hopped into the yard. How many are in the yard now?  $6+3=9$
- Skip counting 2's, 5's, 10's



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# RIISING 3RD GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH

Dear parents of rising third graders,

Happy summer! We eagerly anticipate meeting our new third graders in August, and there are a few things we want to invite you to do this summer to ensure your student arrives in August ready for the challenges of third grade.

**First of all, please encourage your student to read during the summer.** Summer is a time when students should feel free to read whatever they love— explore new genres, enjoy favorite picture books, dive deep into chapter books, browse through comics and graphic novels. They can read alone, read to you, or listen to books read aloud. You can take books outside to read, or make a blanket fort and crawl inside with a story. It doesn't matter what books you read or where you read, but **we cannot overstate reading's importance for the growth and development of rising third graders!** Students are encouraged to participate in the Chick-fil-A summer reading program and read four chapter books to record on the included sheet. This sheet can be turned in the first week of school for delicious rewards from Chick-fil-A!

Secondly, **it is imperative that all rising third graders know their addition and subtraction facts fluently** (i.e. they can answer automatically without counting). In third grade, we move quickly towards multiplication, and students who do not know their facts struggle to keep up. Use games, apps, or flashcards to keep these fresh in your child's mind while making it feel fun to practice. Once they are confident in addition and subtraction, you can start working to learn the multiplication facts through 10 x 10!

We hope your summer is full of peace and joy from the Lord! We will see you in August!

The Third Grade Team

## **Math Fact Practice Recommendations**

- <https://www.abcya.com> (Clear It Addition, Clear It Multiplication, Math Fact Shoot Out, Math Lines)
- <https://www.turtlediary.com> (Hammer Addition, Addition Mania, Grab the Fact, Multiplication Facts)
- <https://mrnussbaum.com/math> (Great American Addition Challenge, Dr Chomper and Fast Food Math, Speed Math)
- <https://www.multiplication.com/games>
- <https://www.mathplayground.com/>
- <https://www.freckle.com/>
- <https://xtramath.org>
- <https://happynumbers.com>



## SUGGESTED READING: 3RD GRADE

BOOK LEVELLER: [HTTPS://WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/TEACHERS/BOOKWIZARD/](https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/)

### FICTION

- *Nate the Great* books by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat (Level K)
- *My Weird School* books by Dan Gutman (Level L+)
- *Flat Stanley* books by Jeff Brown (Level M+)
- *Ivy and Bean* books by Annie Barrows (Level M+)
- *Jake Drake* books by Andrew Clements (Level M+)
- *Judy Moody* books by Megan McDonald (Level M+)
- *Stink* books by Megan McDonald (Level M+)
- *Magic Treehouse* books by Mary Pope Osborne (Level M+)
- *Katie Kazoo* books by Janie Smith and Nancy Krulik (Level M+)
- *Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew* books by Carolyn Keene (Level N+)
- *Narwhal and Jelly* books by Ben Clanton (Level N)
- *Clementine* books by Sara Pennypacker (Level O+)
- *Here's Hank* books by Henry Winkler (Level O)
- *Bad Guys* books by Aaron Blabey (Level O+)
- *George Brown, Class Clown* books by Nancy Krulik (Level P+)
- *EllRay Jakes* books by Sally Warner (Level P+)
- *Alvin Ho* books by Lenore Look (Level P)

### NON-FICTION

- *What If You Had...?* books by Sandra Markle (Level L+)
- *Fly Guy Presents...* books (Level M+)
- *Who Would Win* books by Jerry Pallotta (Level O+)
- *Who Was/Is...?* biographies by various authors (Level O+)
- *Magic Treehouse Fact Tracker* books (Level P+)
- *Magic Treehouse Research Guide* books (Level P+)
- *Weird But True* books by National Geographic (Level Q+)

(Many of these books are available in Spanish)



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**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Book #1

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Cookie Coupon**

Book #2

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chick-n-Minis Coupon**

Book #3

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Milkshake Coupon**

Book #4

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **8-piece nugget Coupon**

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## RISING 4TH GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH

Dear parents of rising fourth graders,

We hope you are anticipating a fun-filled summer with your soon-to-be fourth grader! The fourth grade team is looking forward to working with you and your student in August. We feel blessed that your child and your family will be a part of our school for the upcoming year.

HGCS is very intentional in their efforts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful; therefore, summer reading is required. Research has proven there is a direct correlation between reading and increased reading comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling facility, understanding of grammar, knowledge of the world, and higher scores on achievement tests. A non-academic summer can cause students at every grade level to digress two to three months in their academic skills.

Set aside time for your student to read each day during summer break—20 to 30 minutes per day is all it takes! In the summer, students have more time to read for enjoyment, which also offers a great opportunity to preserve and strengthen their reading skills. Your summer activities should include taking your children to the public library to check out books of interest and/or joining summer reading groups.

Rising fourth graders are required to read at least one book. **Students will receive a 100 TEST GRADE in reading for completing this REQUIRED assignment.** Students who read more than one book **will be rewarded from the Chick-fil-A Summer Reading Program.**

Parents and students may choose chapter books **based on interest of the student.** All books must have **at least 100 pages and be on a 4th grade reading level.** Parents can use this [book leveler](#) to check the level of their books if it is not indicated on the book. Students will list each book read, including the number of pages and author. Parent or guardian must sign stating the child has read the book.

Documentation of the summer reading is to be turned in to the student's teacher **by Friday of the first full week of school.** Children completing this assignment will also receive their individual earned prize or prizes (coupons from Chick-fil-A). We look forward to celebrating your summer reading with a Chick-fil-A breakfast!

# 4TH GRADE MATH REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parents,

As you prepare for summer vacation, we want to ensure that your child's math skills remain strong. We are requiring students to practice their multiplication facts over the summer to maintain fluency.

I want our students to enter 4th-grade math with confidence so I am recommending daily math practice for each student over the summer. I have set up your student on the website, [www.freckle.com](http://www.freckle.com) with their own class code so they can easily complete the daily practice.

Freckle is a free, fun, and an individualized way to practice math. Each section of Adaptive Math Practice will begin with a short pre-test where students will answer questions until they hit their "just right" level. After that, your child's program will begin at their level and will progress from there. As students work the program, they earn coins and can go to the Piggy Store to purchase items within the game. Students are also encouraged to practice their multiplication and division facts daily on Freckle. **Your child's username will be their first name and last name. Their Freckle class code is 62ep8j**

Students should focus on their multiplication tables, aiming to achieve a 90% accuracy rate on timed multiplication fact assessments. We have provided resources and suggestions for practicing at home below, such as flashcards, online games, and suggested daily practice times.

<a href="#">Online Multiplication Game</a>	<a href="#">Math Games</a>	<a href="http://freckle.com">freckle.com</a>
<a href="#">Multiplication Chart</a>	<a href="#">Cave Run</a>	<a href="#">Free Worksheets</a>
<a href="#">Download and Print Flashcards</a>	<a href="#">Print Quizzes</a>	Flashcards can be purchased at the Dollar Store
<a href="#">Four In a Row Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Penalty Kicks Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Neon Bricks Online Game</a>
<a href="#">Baseball Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Car Rush Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Circle Collector</a>

**On August 28,** your child will be given a multiplication facts test where the facts will be mixed in a random order 1-12's. **This test will be recorded as a test grade for the 1st quarter.** If you have any questions, please email me, at [michelleconner@hgchristian.org](mailto:michelleconner@hgchristian.org). It is my hope that just a few minutes of daily math practice on [freckle.com](http://freckle.com) will be fun and beneficial for each student.

Have a wonderful summer,  
Michelle Conner



## SUGGESTED READING: 4TH GRADE

- *Best Family Ever* by Karen Kingsbury
- *Secrets of Droon* by Tony Abbott
- *American Girl* series
- *Ruby and the Book Boys* series by Derrick Barnes
- *Ivy and Bean* series by Anne Barrows
- *Fudge* series by Judy Blume
- *Flat Stanley* series by Jeff Brown
- *Ramona, Henry Huggins, etc.* by Beverly Cleary
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl
- *Dyamonde Daniel* books by Nikki Grimes
- *Captain Awesome* series by Stan Kirby
- *Judy Moody* series by Meghan McDonald
- *Timmy Failure* series by Stephen Pastis
- *Geronimo Stilton* series
- *DC Super Pets* – various authors
- *Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Warner
- *Stick Dog* series by Tom Watson
- Any books by Andrew Clements
- *Shiloh* series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Non-fiction by Gail Gibbons
- Non-fiction by Seymour Simon
- *The Borrowers* series
- *Bunnicula* by James Howe
- *The Little House on the Prairie* Book Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* collection (8 books) by C.S. Lewis
- Any books by Kate DiCamillo
- *Anne of Green Gables* (8 books) by L.M. Montgomery
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- *Who Was* Series
- *What Was/What Is* Series
- *The Door in the Dragon's Throat* by Frank Peretti
- *The Cooper Kids Adventures* (#1)
- *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White
- *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *A Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Family Under the Bridge* by Natalie Savage Carlson
- *Prince Martin Wins His Sword* by Brandon Hill
- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford
- *Perry Jackson and the Olympians Book #1: The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
- *Lassie Come Home* by Eric Knight
- *Leepike Ridge* by N.D. Wilson
- *National Park Mystery Series* (5 books) by Aaron Johnson
- *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls* (9 books) by M.J. Thomas
- *The Vanderbeekers* (7 books) by Karina Yan Glaser
- *Lightkeepers* Christian biography series by Irene Howat

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**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Book #1

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Cookie Coupon**

Book #2

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Book #3

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Milkshake Coupon**

Book #4

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **8-piece nugget Coupon**



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## RISING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH

Dear parent of rising fifth graders,

We hope you are anticipating a fun-filled summer with your soon-to-be fifth grader. Your fifth grade teachers are looking forward to working with you and your student in August. We feel blessed that your child and your family will be a part of our school for the upcoming year.

HGCS is very intentional in their efforts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful. Research has proven there is a direct correlation between reading and success in learning. It has been shown that children who read over the summer will benefit in the following areas: reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling and grammatical development. **A non-academic summer can cause students at every grade level to digress two to three months in their academic skills.**

Tapping into your child's personal interests can help foster a love of reading (e.g., a favorite movie can help identify a preferred genre). Reading for pleasure can stimulate creativity and imagination. Set aside time for your student to read each day during summer break—20 to 30 minutes per day is all it takes! In the summer, students have more time to **read for enjoyment**, which also offers a great opportunity to preserve and strengthen their reading skills. Your summer activities should include taking your children to the public library to check out books of interest and/or joining summer reading groups.

Rising fifth graders are required to read 1-4 books. Parents and students may choose chapter books based on interest of the student. All books must have at least 150 pages and be on a **5th grade reading level**. Parents can use this [Book Leveler](#) to check the level of their books, if it is not indicated in the book.

Students will list each book read, including the number of pages and author. A parent or guardian must sign stating the child has read the book or the reward will not be given (see the Elementary Summer Reading form below). **Students will receive a 100 TEST GRADE in reading for completing this REQUIRED assignment.** Students who read more than one book will be **rewarded from the Chick-fil-A Summer Reading Program.**

Documentation of the summer reading is to be turned in to the student's teacher by **Friday of the first full week of school.** Students completing this assignment will also receive their individual earned prize or prizes (coupons from Chick-fil-A). We look forward to celebrating your summer reading with a Chick-fil-A breakfast.

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# RIISING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH, CONTINUED

Dear Parents,

As you prepare for summer vacation, we would like your support to ensure that your child's math skills remain strong. It is imperative that students practice their multiplication facts over the summer to maintain fluency.

We want our students to enter 5th-grade math with confidence so I am recommending daily math practice for each student over the summer. I will set up your student on the website, [www.freckle.com](http://www.freckle.com) with their own class code so they can easily complete the daily practice.

Freckle is a free, fun, and an individualized way to practice math. Each section of Adaptive Math Practice will begin with a short pre-test where students will answer questions until they hit their "just right" level. After that, your child's program will begin at their level and will progress from there. As students work the program, they earn coins and can go to the Piggy Store to purchase items within the game. Students are also encouraged to practice their multiplication and division facts daily on Freckle.

**Your child's username will be their first name and last name.**

**Their Freckle class code is e8hh75**

Students should focus on their multiplication tables, aiming to achieve a 90% accuracy rate on timed multiplication fact assessments. We have provided resources and suggestions for practicing at home below, such as flashcards, online games, and suggested daily practice times.

<a href="#">Online Multiplication Game</a>	<a href="#">Math Games</a>	<a href="http://freckle.com">freckle.com</a>
<a href="#">Multiplication Chart</a>	<a href="#">Cave Run</a>	<a href="#">Free Worksheets</a>
<a href="#">Download and Print Flashcards</a>	<a href="#">Print Quizzes</a>	Flashcards can be purchased at the Dollar Store
<a href="#">Four In a Row Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Penalty Kicks Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Neon Bricks Online Game</a>
<a href="#">Baseball Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Car Rush Online Game</a>	<a href="#">Circle Collector</a>

On Friday, **August 28**, your child will be given a multiplication facts test where the facts will be mixed in a random order, 1-12. **This test will be recorded as a test grade for the 1st quarter.** If you have any questions, please email me, at [teresarussell@hgchristian.org](mailto:teresarussell@hgchristian.org).



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## 5TH GRADE LITERATURE LIST

- *Anne of Green Gables* by Montgomery
- *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Buyea
- *Blue Willow* by Gates
- *Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, The* by Kamkwamba
- *Bronze Bow, The* by Speare
- *Caddie Woodlawn* by Brink
- *Carry on, Mr. Bowditch* by Lathan
- *Cricket in Times Square, The* by Selden
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Cleary
- *Esperanza Rising* by Ryan
- *Fish in a Tree* by Hunt
- *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story (kid's edition)* by Lewis
- *Gulliver's Travels (excerpts)* by Swift
- *Harret Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Petry
- *Heidi* by Spyri by Spyri
- *Helen Keller: A New Vision* by Hollingsworth
- *Hobbit, The* by Tolkien
- *House of Sixty Fathers, The* by De Jong
- *Island of the Blue Dolphin* by O'Dell
- *Johnny Tremain* by Forbes
- *Journey from Peppermint Street* by De Jong
- *Little Lord Fauntleroy* by Burnett
- *Little Men* by Alcott
- *Long Walk to Water, A* by Park
- *My Name is Tani* by Adewumi
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by O'Brien
- *Night Divided, A* by Nielson
- *Old Yeller* by Gipson
- *Paper Wishes* by Sepahban
- *Prophet with Honor, Kids Edition: The Billy Graham Story* by Martin
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Defoe

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## 5TH GRADE LITERATURE LIST CONT'D.

- *Silver Chair, The* by Lewis
- *Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson* by Denenburg
- *Summer of the Monkeys* by Rawks
- *Summer of the Swans, The* by Byars
- *Swiss Family Robinson* by Wyss
- *Thimble Summer* by Enright
- *Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey* by Tebow, Whitaker
- *Through My Eyes: Ruby Bridges* by Bridges
- *Tom's Midnight Garden* by Pearce
- *Treasure Island* by Stevenson
- *Turn Homeward, Hannalee* by Beatty
- *Two Mighty Rivers* by Hanes
- *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by Lewis
- *Wheel on the School, The* by De Jong
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Rawls
- *Wish* by O'Conner

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