Summer Prep Work: ELA (Students entering Grades 2-5)

For the benefit of your child, we recommend the following boost for the summer . . .

Entering 2nd Grade ELA

- Please have your child read books from several different genres, reading for at least 20 minutes each day.
- Practice reading Fry's The Third Hundred List 4 + The Fourth Hundred List 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Required reading is *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume
- 2nd Grade Summer Reading and Written Response Questions here
- Grammar practice—Visit https://www.turtlediary.com/ to keep skills razor sharp.
- Daily journaling: 2nd Grade Journal Writing 2nd_Grade_Journaling.pdf

Entering 3rd Grade ELA

- Please have your child read books from several different genres, reading for at least 30 minutes each day. Practice reading Fry's The Fifth Hundred List and The Sixth Hundred List—all four lists on each.
- Required reading is
    - *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl (animal fantasy)
    - *Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel* by Nikki Grimes (fiction)
- Response to Literature:
    - *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl (animal fantasy): Using words such as same, similar, similarly, differ, different, and difference, write 2-3 paragraphs comparing and contrasting this novel with another. The other novel should be another book you have already read from the same genre, animal fantasy.
    - *Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel* by Nikki Grimes (fiction): As you read, think about the different elements of the novel, and write a few sentences about each.

        - Plot (story)
        - Characters (main characters and others)
        - Setting (where and when does the story take place?)
        - Conflict (the problems in the book)
        - Theme (what is the message in the story?)
- Daily Writing: Keep a journal and record each day's adventures.
- Grammar Practice: Visit the following websites to keep your grammar skills sharp.
    - Verb & Nouns https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/verbs/verbs-nouns
    - Regular Plural Nouns (nouns ending in s, x, z, ch or sh, add -es at the end) https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/nouns/plural-nouns
    - Irregular Plural Nouns https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/nouns/irregular-nouns
    - Pronouns https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/pronouns/replacing-nouns
    - Adjectives link (overall): https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/adjectives
    - Identifying adverbs and verbs link: https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/adverbs/identify-adverbs-verbs
    - How, when, and where link: https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/adverbs/how-when-where
    - Using adverbs link: https://www.k5learning.com/free-grammar-worksheets/third-grade-3/adverbs/adverbs-in-sentences

Entering 4th Grade ELA

- Please have your child read books from several different genres, reading for at least 30 minutes each day.
- Practice reading Fry's The Seventh Hundred List and The Eighth Hundred List—all four lists on each.

- Review prefixes, suffixes and their meanings using this resource.
- Required reading
    - Holes by Louis Sachar
    - The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
    - History Smashers by Kate Messner (any book in series)
- Daily Writing: 4th Grade Writing Prompts
- Grammar Practice: 4th Grade Grammar Work with Answer Key.

Entering 5th Grade ELA

- Please have your child read books from several different genres, reading for at least 30 minutes each day.
- Practice reading Fry's The Ninth Hundred List and The Tenth Hundred List—all four lists on each.
- Required reading is one book from each of the following three genres:
    - Fantasy/Adventure Fiction:
        - The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
        - Escape from Atlantis by Kate O'Hearn
        - Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
        - Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
    - Fiction:
        - The One and Only Ivan by K.A. Applegate
        - Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
        - Front Desk by Kelly Yang
        - Holes by Lous Sachar
    - Nonfiction/Historical Fiction:
        - Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
        - 96 Miles by J.L. Esplin
        - All Thirteen: The Incredible Rescue of the Thai Boys Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat
        - Amelia Lost by Candace Fleming
        - Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Reading Log: Keep track of the books you have read on the reading log.
- Complete the accompanying assignment for one book from each genre:
    - Fantasy: Rewrite the ending, using at least 2 pages of college-ruled paper.
    - Fiction: Re-create the story in 6-10 boxes of a comic strip.
    - Nonfiction/Historical Fiction: Write a 5+-paragraph letter to one of the characters/figures from the story.
- **Weekly Writing**: Keep a daily journal and each week use a different style to summarize your adventures:

- Fantasy/Fairy Tale story
- Persuasive article
- Newspaper article
- Narrative paragraph
- Poem