

# Fifth Grade

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## Summer Slide

Have you heard of the “summer slide”? Students lose some of their school learning during the summer due to lack of practice with educational material. This backward “slide” can be avoided by keeping students active with reading or math during the summer months. Doing worksheets, “summer bridge” books, reading at-level books, or visiting educational websites throughout the vacation months can help prevent the summer slide.

## Quick Tip

Visit the curriculum pages on the fifth grade website for links to educational websites during the summer or throughout the year. You may also want to visit the study skills page for more website links.

## What’s New About Fifth Grade?

Fifth grade already? Time sure does fly by quickly! Fifth grade is a great year, but what makes it different than previous years? Quite a bit, actually. Fifth grade is a transitional year. It is a year of much growth and development. Students are ready to become more independent in their own learning. They are ready to take on the responsibility of being active in their own educational journey.

Students learn the important skill of time management. They learn to break larger tasks into more

manageable pieces. They also learn that school requires preparation and studying.

Fifth grade subjects become more content heavy. Students must study and work with new material in ways they have not had to do in the younger grades. They will discover that individuals learn differently, and that they must try different study skills and habits to see what works for their own learning style.

## WHAT STUDENTS WILL LEARN IN FIFTH GRADE

### Math

- Addition & Subtraction
- Multiplication & Division
- Prime/Composite numbers
- Prime Factorization
- Exponents
- Order of Operations
- Powers
- Decimals
- Fractions
- Geometry

### ELA

- Prefix/Suffix
- Parts of Speech
- Elements of Literature
- Summarizing
- Making inferences
- Main ideas
- Supporting details
- Text features
- Text structures
- Text evidence
- Author’s purpose
- Synthesis

In fifth grade, students mature and develop acquired skills/knowledge so that they become independent learners who have a deeper and broader foundation upon which to build during the pivotal years of middle school.