

2017-2018

## 5th Grade Summer Requirements

1. Use Khan Academy over the summer to pass off Early Math K-2 as well as 3rd grade with 100% mastery. Your mastery level of each will indicate a grade on 1st quarter (i.e. 100% on k-2 and 70% on 3rd grade will be equivalent to two test scores - 100% and 70%) I will also be tracking your progress each week. It is recommended to finish both of these levels with 100% mastery and that you spend 60-90 minutes per week on Khan Academy. During the 1st quarter of 5th grade, you will also need to master the 4th grade level, so if you finish Early Math and 3rd grade early and wish to move on to 4th grade, you are more than welcome to!
2. You need to be proficient or maintain proficiency with Math Facts (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division). You will be tested on multiplication and division facts (through 12's) the first week of school. Practicing 5 minutes a day will make the difference!

**The first required summer reading** book is *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson. Your child will have to complete a "Comprehension and Vocabulary Journal Response Book" that will be sent home with your child on the last day of school. The Journal is due on August 16th, the first day of school. I will be holding a Book Club Dinner(I will provide pizza and drinks) on Thursday, June 29th from 5:00-6:00pm at St. Olaf in the 5th grade room. This will be a fun student led activity where I can get to know the students a little better before the school year starts. Don't worry if you are out of town during this time, just drop off the Journal at St. Olaf on or before June 29th.

**The second required reading** the child gets to choose their book. They will complete a "Paper Bag Character Study" that will be due on August 16th, the 1st day of school. For this assignment students study, analyze and report on different aspects of the main character in the book they are reading.

Student Instructions for "Paper Bag Character Study":

For this assignment, you will need a brown paper lunch-size bag to complete this assignment. You will need to choose a character from your text. Be sure to pick a rich memorable character-it will make it much easier to complete this assignment.

This assignment has several components:

- On the front panel of your paper bag, draw your character. You can use a template, cutouts from magazines, or draw your own picture. Be creative!
- On one of the side panels, write about your character's likes and dislikes. Include one paragraph (3-5 sentences) for each, and use supporting evidence from the text.
- On the other side panel, write about how other characters in the text react and interact with your character. Remember to use at least 3 pieces of supporting evidence from the text.
- On the back panel, explain how your character changed throughout the text. What was your character like at the beginning of the text? At the end? Why did your character change? Include strong supporting evidence from the text.
- Inside your bag, include 10 items that you would associate with your character. Be prepared to explain and defend your choices in the oral presentation. Dig deep into the novel and your thinking for these items.
- Oral Presentation- You will be asked to orally present your assignment on August 22. In your assignment, explain who your character is, and what text he or she is from. Briefly explain your information on the two side panels and back panel (DO NOT READ your information-just give a quick summary). Explain how you chose the 10 items you chose to put in your bag. Explain why you chose these items, and why they are important to your character.

Have fun with this assignment, and be creative! I love seeing how different minds think with projects, and how unique each bag will be. Feel free to e-mail me any questions you may have at [ahart@stolafs.org](mailto:ahart@stolafs.org).