

Your child will be expected to read words, like the ones listed below, quickly and accurately. Your child will also be expected to spell them correctly when writing. Your child will learn new words from his or her reading, science, and social studies lessons.

FIFTH GRADE WORD LIST

accident	drawer	several
ache	earth	shoulder
against	except	soldier
already	forth	taste
answer	handkerchief	thick
beautiful	instead	thousand
believe	measure	tomorrow
bridge	medicine	tough
catch	minute	towel
chalk	neither	waste
chance	often	whether
chief	ought	women
choose	paste	wrong
cough	puzzle	
curtain	quite	
double	scissors	

Fifth grade students will be learning more academic vocabulary. These are words that are specific to an area like science or social studies.

How Can You Help Your Child?

1. Read with your child every day. Read aloud to your child and ask him or her to read to you.
2. Start a book club with your child. Invite him/her to choose a book you'll each read, and then you choose the next one. You'll both be motivated to pick something the other will really enjoy.
3. Talk about the meanings of new words your child sees or hears.
4. Help your child find age-appropriate biographies so he or she can learn all the facts about what it takes to succeed in the future.
5. Ask your child to solve equations that includes a necessary order using parenthesis. Then take the same set of numbers, written in the same order but change the equation by asking your child to put the parenthesis in different place and group sets of number in different ways. After your child has solved this equation, compare the answers and difference between the two.
6. Ask family members and friends for "math problems" they have needed to solve in everyday life. Ask your child to solve these problems for them.
7. Since your child should be able to solve equations with ease, give them a variety of multiplication and division equations which use multi-digit numbers and see how many she can solve within a certain amount of time (for example, 4 minutes).
8. Keep a box filled with school supplies at home. Important supplies to have on hand are: scissors, pencils, a pencil sharpener, erasers, crayons or colored pencils, glue stick, wide-ruled paper, a basic calculator, and dictionary.

When school starts, if you have a concern about your child's progress or development, speak with your child's teacher.



A Guide for Families

Fifth grade is an exciting year filled with new experiences. This guide will assist you in helping your child prepare for fifth grade and throughout the school year. Enclosed are lists of the most important skills for students to gain **by the end of their year** in fifth grade.



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By the end of fifth grade your child will be expected to...

READING SKILLS

- ◆ Read and comprehend informational and literary text in 4th-5th grade complexity range.
- ◆ Know and apply 5th grade skills to sound out and analyze words.
- ◆ Read with accuracy and fluency (appropriate pace and expression):

1st Term Goal: 110 words per minute

2nd Term Goal: 127 words per minute

3rd Term Goal: 133 words per minute

4th Term Goal: 139 words per minute

Literary Text

- ◆ Summarize the key details of stories, dramas, poems, and nonfiction materials including their themes or main ideas.
- ◆ Identify and judge evidence that supports particular ideas in an author's argument to change a reader's point of view.

Informational Text

- ◆ Integrate information from several print and digital sources to answer questions and solve problems.
- ◆ Compare and contrast the overall structure of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.
- ◆ Determine and clarify meanings of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.

WRITING SKILLS

- ◆ Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
- ◆ Write information or explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- ◆ Write a narrative to develop real or imagined experiences or events, using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- ◆ Demonstrate understanding of grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
- ◆ Understand the unknown and multiple meanings of words, using context, Greek and Latin affixes and roots, and/or reference materials.
- ◆ Demonstrate understanding of figurative, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
- ◆ Use acquired words and phrases and determines the meaning of general and content-specific words and phrases.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

- ◆ Participate in a range of collaborative conversations.
- ◆ Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats.
- ◆ Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by evidence.

MATH SKILLS

- ◆ Write and interpret numerical expressions.
- ◆ Analyze mathematical patterns and relationships.
- ◆ Generalize the place-value system to include decimals, and calculate with decimals to the hundredths place (two places after the decimal).
- ◆ Multiply fractions; divide fractions in simple cases and solve related word problems.
- ◆ Understand and compare simple decimals in terms of fractions.
- ◆ Graph points on the coordinate plane to solve real-world and mathematical problems.
- ◆ Convert like measurement units with a given measurement system.
- ◆ Make a line plot to display a data set with fractional units of measure and interpret data to solve problems.
- ◆ Understand the concept of volume and solve word problems that involve volume.

SOCIAL SKILLS and WORK HABITS

- ◆ Follow school rules.
- ◆ Pay attention during class.
- ◆ Accept responsibility for actions.
- ◆ Work well independently.
- ◆ Work collaboratively with others.
- ◆ Respect rights and property of others.