

Fifth Grade Summer Engagement Activities

Suggested Stories for Summer Reading:

Basketball by John Coy
Mountain Dog by Margarita Engle
Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd
Elvis and the Underdogs by Jenny Lee
Flight of the Honey Bee by Raymond Huber
Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut: Bowling Alley
Bandit by Laurie Keller
Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year by Bill Harley
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
Gone Fishing, a novel in verse by Tamera Will Wissinger
Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented
Three Ring Rascals: The Show Must Go On! By Kate Klise

Use the QR codes below to watch some of our favorite Fifth Grade books being read aloud!

More Stories to Enjoy: Read by WJCC Teachers



Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi, By Cindy Neuschwander



Marie Curie and Radioactivity, By Jordi Bayarri



Where the Sidewalk Ends, by Shel Silverstein



Sophia's War
By Avi



Questions to Promote Discussion:

- What choices did a character have to make? How did they make the choices? Did they turn out well?
- How did a character change in the story? What made them change?
- What did the members of the community have/believe in common? Did a character do something to challenge that? How did people react?
- What connections can you make to the character or events?
- How did the setting affect the relationships between characters and their actions?
- Describe an event that surprises you.
- Summarize what's happened in the story.
- Explain a new word you discovered in the text.
- What is the main idea in this text?
- What are key facts about the topic?
- What is the most important thing you've learned?
- Did the story make you want to learn or do something new? What/why?
- What could happen after the end of the story? What evidence makes you think this will happen?

Science Extensions:

Ask questions, wonder, explore, observe!

- Get outside - Go on a nature walk with family
- Collect data - Plant a seed, then measure and observe growth
- Weather journal – Track the temperature and cloud cover, then create a graph
- Sky Watch – Observe, track, and draw the moon nightly
- Sink or float – Predict and test with items around your house if they will sink or float in water
- Classification – Collect 10 items from nature, sort them based on characteristics
- Observe – Create and label drawings of what you observe in nature
- Model – Use objects around your house to build and create an animal, then describe it
- Continue to Know with WHRO- extended learning video segments aligned to VA SOLs:<https://emediava.org/>

Math Extensions:

Summer Math Challenge - a free math program designed to help students who have just completed grade 1 through 8 retain math skills learned during the previous year.

<https://tinyurl.com/SmmrMth>

PBS Math Ideas – Use everyday errands as learning opportunities. Transform routine chores into fun lessons for young children. And follow your child's interests to guide learning. <https://tinyurl.com/pbsmathideas>

Bedtime Math – Summer of Numbers Olympics <http://bedtimemath.org/>

Summer Math Journal - Where do you see math in your world?

Reflex Math - your student account is active over the summer.

Active and Creative Summer Choices

- Eat veggies as often as you can! Try to have one with every meal
- Practice balancing. Gallop, Hop, Jump, Leap, Skip, Side-Slide
- Create a "Top 5 Ways You'll Be Active This Summer" list with your family
- Push-Up Practice: try to complete 10 perfect push-ups throughout the day
- Make up a dance to your favorite song and perform for your family
- Make a band with your family using items from your kitchen
- Water Painting: Grab a cup of water and a brush or sponge. Paint outside
- Clay Day: Build your favorite animal using playdoh. Find a recipe online
- Window/Door Decorations: Make something beautiful for your neighbors to see
- Toy Shadow Drawing: collect some of your favorite toys and trace their shadows on the sidewalk

Williamsburg Regional Library will also create customized lists of resources for added summer engagement. Visit www.wrl.org for more details.