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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin summer vacation, I encourage all our students to continue learning throughout the summer months. While summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and family activities, it is also important for children to keep their minds active and engaged.

One of the most valuable things you can do for your child is to make reading a daily habit. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly during the summer maintain and improve their literacy skills, while those who do not often experience learning loss. Parents should continue reading to their children each day until they are able to read independently. Even after children become strong readers, reading together as a family remains a wonderful way to build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books.

We encourage every family to set aside 15–20 minutes each day for reading. Whether it's a favorite story, a chapter book, a magazine, or a visit to the local library, reading together can become a special family tradition.

Math practice is equally important. Students must continue using their math skills to remain sharp and confident. Consistent practice helps students retain what they have learned and prepares them for success when school begins again in September.

You have received your child's login information for **Freckle Math and Freckle ELA**. These are valuable learning resources because the programs assign work based on each student's **STAR Assessment** results. Students who are performing above grade level will be appropriately challenged, while students who need additional support will receive instruction and practice tailored to their individual needs. This personalized approach allows every child to grow and learn at their own pace.

St. Thomas Kids Stay Sharp Over the Summer!

I will be checking in throughout the summer to see who is working on their Math, Reading, and ELA activities. When we return to school in the fall, all summer learners will be treated to a special **Popsicle Celebration** as a reward for their hard work over the summer.

Thank you for your partnership in helping your child continue learning throughout the summer months.

Happy reading, writing, and problem solving!

Blessings,

Miss Hawley

Fifth Grade Supply List

- _____ Five composition notebooks (**not spiral**)
- _____ Four two-pocket folders
- _____ Red pens
- _____ Pencil top erasers
- _____ Pencils
- _____ Small glue bottle
- _____ Six glue sticks
- _____ Scissors
- _____ Crayons, 24 box
- _____ Colored pencils
- _____ One set of fine Sharpie multi-colored
- _____ Two fine black Sharpie markers
- _____ Two ultrafine black Sharpie markers
- _____ Watercolor paint set
- _____ Two highlighters
- _____ Ruler
- _____ Zipper pouch for supplies (**Desks are too small for anything bigger.**)
- _____ Two boxes of tissue for the classroom
- _____ Two containers of disinfecting wipes for the classroom

Fifth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Name _____

Book Title _____

Author _____

Summary Questions

1. What is the theme of your story?

2. What is the setting of your book?

3. Tell me about the main character in your book and tell me what you like most about this character.

4. List six adjectives that describe the main character in your book.

5. Tell me about a supporting character in the book and tell what you like most about this character.

6. List six adjectives that describe the supporting character in your book.

7. Think of an important event in your book. How would the story have changed if this event did not happen?

8. What is the main conflict that the main character in your book must face?

9. Which character in the book would you most like to meet and why?

10. What did you enjoy most about this book?
