

Preparing for Fifth Grade

- Make sure they read for **30 min every** day. They must be reading at their reading level, the more informational texts the better. Longer chapter books are better than short picture books.
- Have them read **aloud** a short story or picture book every night for 15 minutes, to a parent or a brother/ sister, pet or to the mirror.
- Have them read aloud dramatically, saying the words with expression and emphasis, practicing tone of voice and fluency
- When finished reading, have your student answer the 5 W Questions about the text they are reading (who, what, where, when, why, how) for comprehension practice. Have them retell the story or information in their own words.
- Students must know their math facts through the 12's for all 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There are many practice websites available; I have included a few below. Students can also make their own flash cards, buy flash cards etc.
- Skip Counting: have your child count by 4's until they get to 100.
 - Have them count by 6's the next night
 - Have them count by 7's the next night
 - Have them count by 8's the next night
 - Continue with 9's, and 12's
- Have your child practice their printing- research shows neat handwriting helps reading comprehension

The following websites are free and easy to use at home or the public library:

***some require you to create a free account, select student and use your school email account if needed**

- <https://www.mobymax.com/> practice math fact fluency, this site has all academic areas with lessons and adaptive practice including social studies, science and the arts as well as ELA and math broken down into several subcategories for specific help
- <https://newsela.com/> news at all reading levels, language arts reading comprehension
- <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> reading online, books of all genres and reading levels
- <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/> language arts and math games and activities
- <http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games> math games and activities
- <https://www.typing.com/> for practice typing on the computer, students need to practice with correct finger placement and complete the lessons in order