



Summer Blast

Getting Ready for
Fifth Grade

Reading

Writing

Math

Art

Puzzles

and more!



Standards

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Welcome to Summer Blast!

Dear Family,

Welcome to *Summer Blast: Getting Ready for Fifth Grade*. Fifth grade will be an exciting and challenging year for your child. There will be plenty of new learning opportunities, including more complex books to read and more work with fractions and decimals! Interesting new topics in science and social studies will help keep your child engaged in the lessons at school.

Summer Blast was designed to help solidify the concepts your child learned in fourth grade and to help your child prepare for the year ahead. The activities are based on today's standards and provide practice with essential skills for the upcoming grade level. Keeping reading, writing, and mathematics skills sharp while your child is on break from school will help his or her fifth-grade year get off to a great start. This book will help you BLAST through summer learning loss!

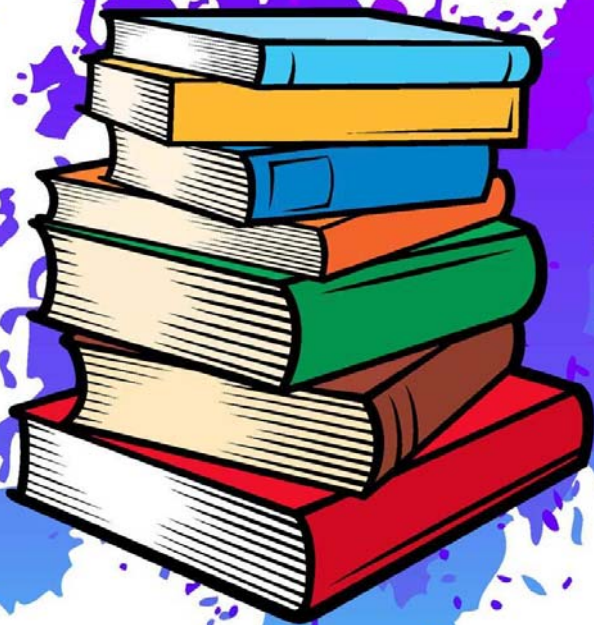
Keep these tips in mind as you work with your child this summer:

- ◆ Set aside a specific time each day to work on the activities.
- ◆ Have your child complete one or two pages each time he or she works, rather than an entire week's worth of activity pages at one time.
- ◆ Keep all practice sessions with your child positive and constructive. If the mood becomes tense or you and your child get frustrated, set the book aside and find another time to practice.
- ◆ Help your child with instructions, if necessary. If your child is having difficulty understanding what to do, work through some of the problems together.
- ◆ Encourage your child to do his or her best work and compliment the effort that goes into learning.

Enjoy spending time with your child during his or her vacation from school, and be sure to help him or her prepare for the next school year. Fifth grade will be here before you know it!

What Does Your Rising Fifth Grader Need to Know?

- 1 Identify morals and themes in various types of texts.
- 2 Identify and describe conflict, climax, resolution, and character development in stories.
- 3 Understand parts of words, including root words, prefixes, and suffixes.
- 4 Add and subtract fractions and decimals to hundredths.
- 5 Divide large numbers by multi-digit numbers using long division.
- 6 Understand coordinate planes and ordered pairs.
- 7 Know about bacteria and other major domains of life.
- 8 Understand solids, liquids, and other states of matter.
- 9 Know about the history of the United States, including the 13 colonies, the American Revolution, and the Civil War.
- 10 Learn about the states in the United States and their capitals.



Things to Do as a Family

General Skills

- ◆ Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep. Children this age need 9–11 hours of sleep each night. Even in the summer, establish bedtime routines that involve relaxing activities, such as taking a warm shower or reading.
- ◆ Help your child become organized and responsible. Have places for your child to keep important things. Take time to set up a schedule together. Use a timer to keep track of time spent on different activities.

Reading Skills

- ◆ Set a reading time for the entire family at least every other day. You can read aloud or read silently. Help your child choose books that are at comfortable reading levels and interesting to him or her.
- ◆ After reading, be sure to talk to your child about what they've read. Ask questions about the characters, the plot, and the setting. Encourage your child to share details from the books.

Writing Skills

- ◆ Encourage your child to write emails, texts, or letters to friends and family members who live near and far.
- ◆ Have your child create an online blog or keep a diary/journal about activities he or she is doing during time off from school.

Mathematics Skills

- ◆ Have your child estimate measurements while out in the community. For example: *This menu is about 8 inches wide. About how wide do you think the table is?*
- ◆ Involve your child in cooking dinner. This is a great way to teach about fractions as well as liquid and dry units of measure.

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