

Summer Enrichment Packet

Topeka Collegiate School

Fifth Grade

Ms. Hossain



Name: _____

Dear Incoming Fifth Grader:

Summer is MOSTLY about you and your family, AND about having fun. (I definitely want you to spend AS MUCH TIME as you can having fun!) However, in order to be ready for school in the fall, there are certain things I would like for you to do. This will help prepare you for 5th grade at Topeka Collegiate.

Reading

1. READ AS MUCH AS YOU CAN! Reading will help keep your mind active and ensure that you are ready for the beginning of your fifth grade year. Books (fiction and nonfiction), magazines, newspapers - even reading recipes when you help out in the kitchen – will help you.
2. You are required to read three books this summer:
 - *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
 - ◆ Assignment-- *My Side of the Mountain* Chapter Questions -- I recommend filling this out as you read and not waiting until the end. :)
 - One book that is a nominee for the William A. White Children's Book Award. (*I included both lists; the 3rd - 5th grade nominees and the 6th - 8th nominees. You may pick one from either list. Try and make it a book that is appropriate for your reading level.*)
 - ◆ <https://wawchildrensbookaward.com/>
 - ◆ Assignment-- Summary Sheet
 - A book of YOUR choice that would be appropriate for your level of reading (If you are unsure, check with your parents. :))
 - ◆ Assignment -- Letter to Ms. Hossain

Math

The most important skill you need to bring to fifth grade is a solid understanding of **basic multiplication facts**. A solid understanding of these will help form the building blocks for higher-level math concepts. When you master your math facts, these concepts will be significantly easier and you will be able to solve them faster. Knowledge of multiplication facts will carry over to almost every area of math we will be studying in fifth grade.

There are several ways to practice your basic facts. One of the easiest things you can do is buy a set of multiplication flash cards, if you do not already own a set. Then practice. A lot. You can also roll dice and find the product of the two numbers rolled, play the card game War with a regular card deck, or create a “memory” card game using multiplication facts.

There are also plenty of iPad/tablet apps out there or websites to practice. I've listed a few below. (Practicing should not take longer than 5 - 10 minutes at a time.)

→ iPad/Tablet Apps:

- ★ *Mathmateer*
- ★ *Sushi Monster*
- ★ *Thinking Blocks Multiplication*
- ★ *Crazy Times Tables*
- ★ There are plenty of others, just make sure to check the age recommendation

→ Websites (these are also good to practice/review other math concepts):

- ★ Aplus Math -- <https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath>
- ★ Prodigy -- <https://www.prodigygame.com/>
- ★ Mathville -- <https://mathville.com/>
- ★ Math Cats -- <http://www.mathcats.com/>
- ★ Math Playground -- <https://www.mathplayground.com/>
- ★ Figure This -- <https://figurethis.nctm.org/index.html>
- ★ FunBrain -- <https://www.funbrain.com/math-zone>
- ★ Academic Skill Builders -- <https://www.arcademics.com/>
- ★ Khan Academy --
https://www.khanacademy.org/math/arithmetic/arith-review-multi-ply-divide/arith-review-mult-intro/e/multiplication_0.5

Social Studies

Because this is your world, an understanding of what is going on across the globe is important. Knowledge of current events will help you in social studies, as we learn about different places and different cultures across time. Current events assignments will be required during the school year, and I am asking you to do some current events work over the summer, too.

During the course of the summer, please read at least **ten** articles from newspapers or magazines. Keep a log of these articles on a piece of notebook paper. You need to list the title/headline, the date the article appeared, and the name of the newspaper or magazine in which the article appeared. A parent should sign this piece of paper to acknowledge you completed the assignment. In addition, please **write a summary of one** of the articles on a separate sheet of notebook paper.

During the school year, we will also be watching CNN10, which is a student news program. If you choose to watch the news with your family, or on your own, you are welcome to ADDITIONALLY document that on your log as well!

Bring to School in August

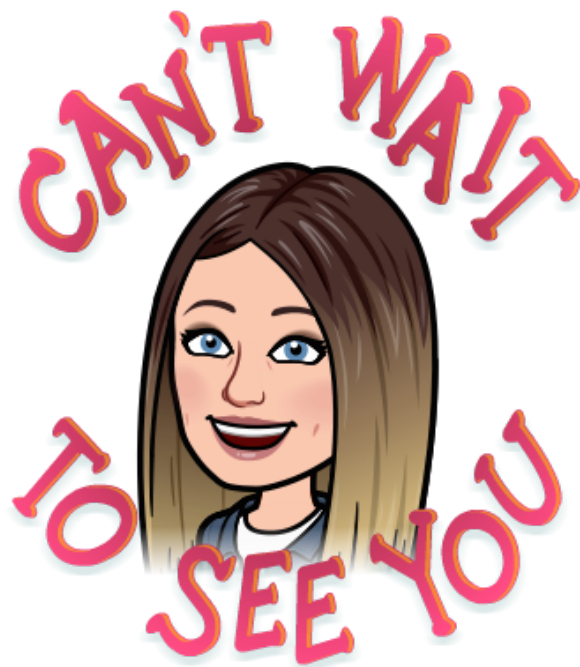
The following things need to be turned in on the first day of school. These will be given a grade included in our first quarter:

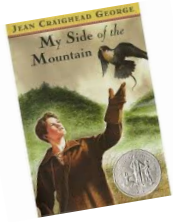
- My Side of the Mountain* Chapter Questions
- Book Summary Sheet (William A. White book)
- Letter to Me (book of your choice)
- Current events article list
- Current events article summary

(You should also bring a copy of your William A. White book to school to share with your classmates about what you read.) :)

Fifth grade is going to be great! I cannot wait to see you in August and I am really looking forward to working with all of you this coming year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Hossain





My Side of the Mountain **by Jean Craighead George**



Chapters 1 - 7

1. Why did Sam think hickory trees were wonderful?
2. Why did the female falcon attack Sam?
3. How did Sam cook eggs?
4. How many siblings did Sam have at home?
5. What did Sam eat that tasted like potatoes?
6. What did Sam use as a calendar?
7. Why did Sam want the falcon?
8. Who was The Baron?

9. How did Sam learn to build a fire?

10. What did the little old lady force Sam to do?

11. What was the name of Sam's trained falcon?

Chapters 8 - 12

1. How did Sam get his first deer?

2. What was the visitor's name for Sam?

3. What were the best tunes for willow whistles?

4. Who saw the smoke from Sam's fire and came to investigate?

5. Why didn't Sam need to teach the visitor how to live off the land?

6. Why did the hikers leave Sam's area?
7. Who was Bando?
8. How did Sam know he had caught a deer in his trap?
9. How did Sam get mussels?
10. What did the teacher bring from town?

Chapters 13 - 18

1. Who helped Sam overcome his loneliness while he was digging the clay?
2. What did Sam do to invite the animals to a Halloween party?
3. How did Sam celebrate Halloween?
4. Why had Sam gone to town?

5. Sam invited Mr. Jacket to come to his camp. Is this True or False? Explain.

6. How did Sam test his fireplace?

7. What had Sam forgotten to do before winter?

8. What did Mr. Jacket call Sam?

9. Why was Sam surprised that Mr. Jacket was a friend?

10. Why did Sam consider hunters as friends?

Chapters 19 - 22

1. Why did Sam stack the wood near the tree?

2. How did Sam name the birds?

3. What did Sam tell Matt Spell?
4. The Baron was a carnivore. Is this True or False? Explain.
5. What event killed many birds?
6. What had Dad brought with him?
7. Who came for Christmas?
8. What did the deer teach Sam about plants?
9. What vitamin did Sam lack during the winter?
10. What did Sam use as a barometer?

Did you like this book? Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?

Letter Writing Assignment

(Book of Your Choice)

Write a friendly letter to Ms. Hossain about the book you selected.

Be sure to include:

- A heading (date at the top)
- A greeting (Dear Ms. Hossain)
- A closing (Sincerely, your name)

In the body of the letter you should include:

- An opening sentence that states the title of the book you read and the author of the book
- Two of your favorite parts and why they are your favorites.
- A part of the story that reminds you of your life or another book you've read and how it reminds you.
- How the book made you feel and why.
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not.