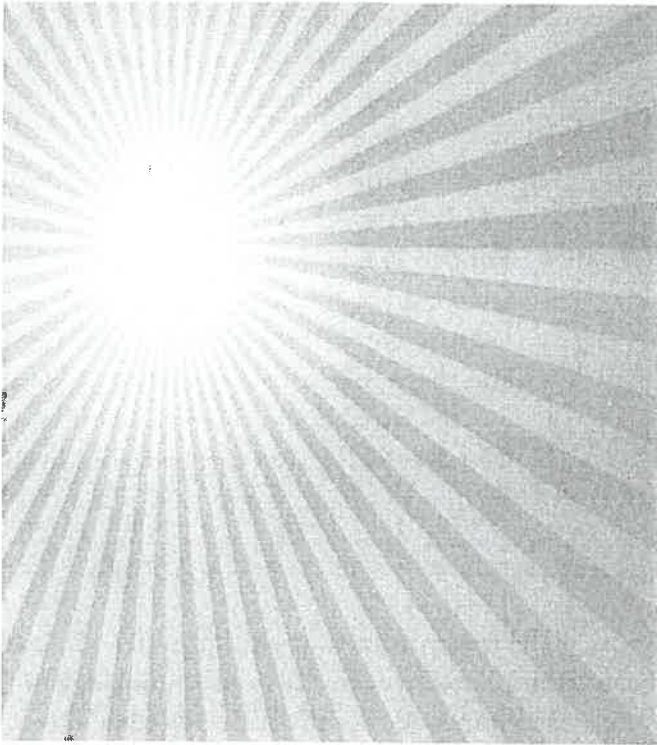


**Summer Enrichment Packet
Topeka Collegiate School
Fifth Grade**



May, 2019

Dear Incoming Fifth Grader:

Summer is mostly about you and your family, and about having fun. But in order to be ready to begin fifth grade, there are certain things I am asking you to do. This packet explains those things.

Reading

1. You need to 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 non-fiction), 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:
See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng
Moo by Sharon Creech
One book that is a recipient of a William A. White Children's Book Award
3. For *See You in the Cosmos* and *Moo*, you are to complete the Book Summary Sheet (two copies of which are attached). I am not asking you to do more than this because we will be spending the first two weeks of school discussing both books, and there might be a few short assignments associated with these novels.
4. For the third book, from the William A. White list, you are to write a letter to me. The details for this can be found in this packet.

Math

The most important skill you need to bring to fifth grade is a solid understanding of basic multiplication facts. If your knowledge of facts is not secure, this is really your last summer to improve this skill. Knowledge of multiplication facts carries over to almost every area of math we'll be studying in fifth grade.

One of the best (and 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.

In addition, exercise your math skills for at least thirty minutes per week on one of the following websites:

www.coolmath.com

www.figurethis.org

www.funbrain.com/numbers.html

www.academicsskillbuilders.com

Social Studies

Because this is your world – not just your parents’ world – an understanding of what is going on in the world 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 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 paper. I am not going to give you further instruction on this, because I want to discover what you can do.

The following things need to be turned in on the first day of school:

1. Two book summary sheets (One for *See You in the Cosmos* and one for *Moo*)
2. One letter to me (for your William A. White book)
3. Current events article list
4. Current events article summary

You will also need to have copies of both of the required novels at school from the first day.

Fifth grade is going to be great. I am really looking forward to working with all of you this coming year!

_____ Name

Book Summary Sheet

Title of Book _____

Author _____

Setting:

Time: _____

Place: _____

Main Character: (Name and describe the character in three to five sentences.)

Main Problem: (Include a brief summary of the main problem(s) in the story. You may share one or two important events that take place in the story, too.)

Letter Writing Assignment
for William A. White Award Book Selection

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 and the author.
- Two of your favorite parts and why.
- A part of the story that reminds you of your life or another book you've read and why.
- How the book made you feel and why.



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See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng (Required)

Moo by Sharon Creech (Required)

At least one of the following books from the William Allen White list: (Required)

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch by Chris Barton

The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras
by Duncan Tonatiuh

Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton by Don Tate

George by Alex Gino

A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord

Lucky Strike by Bobbie Pyron

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans by Don Brown

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

The Nest by Kenneth Oppel

Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir by Margarita
Engle

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

Took: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement by Carole Boston Weatherford

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

2019-2020 Nominees

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

The Loser's Club by Andrew Clements

Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

Pablo and Birdy by Alison McGhee

Princess Cora and the Crocodile by Laura Amy Schlitz

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive! by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Ann Thompson

Posted by John David Anderson

Forever, or a Long, Long Time by Caela Carter

Saving Marty by Paul Griffin

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Slider by Pete Hautman

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

Restart by Gordon Korman

Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder

One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance
by Nikki Grimes