

Dear Incoming 5th Grade Families,

Summer is here. Time for sunshine, swimming, sleeping in, popsicles, and fun.



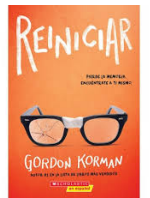
But before we jump fully into summer mode, I want to share a few important ways students can keep their brains growing and avoid the “summer slide” before starting 5th grade in August.

Fifth grade is an exciting year filled with more independence, stronger expectations, and lots of growth. A little practice during the summer makes a huge difference once school begins.

Here is your Incoming 5th Grade Summer Slide Survival Guide:

Reading Requirement

All incoming 5th graders are required to read *Restart* by Gordon Korman before the first day of school. The novel must be finished before returning in August.



Students will take a test over the novel during the first week of school.

Writing Expectations

Incoming 5th graders should continue practicing:

- Writing complete sentences
- Using correct punctuation
- Capitalizing proper nouns correctly
- Writing a paragraph with at least 5 complete sentences
- Correctly forming manuscript and/or cursive letters

Examples:

- Do not capitalize letters in the middle of words
- Lowercase g, j, q, and y should go below the line, not float above it

Cursive Expectations

Students who have attended IC School since 2nd grade are expected to form cursive letters and numbers correctly.

For example:

- Lowercase cursive "m" has 3 humps
- Lowercase cursive "n" has 2 humps

Students new to IC who have not learned cursive before will not be expected to write in cursive immediately. However, they are still expected to form manuscript letters and numbers correctly.

+ Math Expectations

Incoming 5th graders must know their math facts fluently.

Students should practice:

- Addition facts
- Subtraction facts
- Multiplication facts

Quick recall of math facts helps students succeed in all areas of 5th-grade math.

Handwriting Practice

I am attaching handwriting paper for students to print and use throughout the summer for both manuscript and cursive practice. Consistent handwriting practice helps students build neatness, confidence, and proper letter formation habits before entering 5th grade.

Easy Summer Practice Ideas

- *Use IXL, current IC students only have access to this to practice all the subjects
- *Read for 15-20 minutes each day
- *Practice math facts while riding in the car
- *Practice handwriting neatly
- *Use flashcards or math games

We hope everyone has a safe, relaxing, and fun summer break. We are excited for a wonderful year together and cannot wait to meet all of our new 5th graders in August.

Enjoy your summer adventures.

Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. McCullough

5th Grade-Team