



**ELEMENTARY**  
**SUMMER READING**  
**2021**



**HICKORY GROVE**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## RIISING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH

Dear Rising Fifth Grade Parent,

We hope you are anticipating a fun-filled summer with your soon-to-be fifth grader. Your fifth grade teachers are looking forward to working with you and your student in August. We feel blessed that your child and your family will be a part of our school for the upcoming year.

HGCS is very intentional in their efforts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful. Research has proven there is a direct correlation between reading and success in learning. It has been shown that children who read over the summer will benefit in the following areas: reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling and grammatical development. **A nonacademic summer can cause students at every grade level to digress two to three months in their academic skills.**

Tapping into your child's personal interests can help foster a love of reading (e.g., a favorite movie can help identify a preferred genre). Reading for pleasure can stimulate creativity and imagination. Set aside time for your student to read each day during summer break—20 to 30 minutes per day is all it takes! In the summer, students have more time to **read for enjoyment**, which also offers a great opportunity to preserve and strengthen their reading skills. Your summer activities should include taking your children to the public library to check out books of interest and/or joining summer reading groups.

Rising fifth graders are required to read 1-4 books. Parents and students may choose chapter books based on interest of the student. All books must have at least 150 pages and be on a **5th grade reading level**. Students should select one fiction and one non-fiction text from the grade level book list to read during June and July. For the other two titles, students may select any other titles on the list.

Students will list each book read, including the number of pages and author. A parent or guardian must sign stating the child has read the book or the reward will not be given (see the Elementary Summer Reading form below). **Students will receive a 100 TEST GRADE in reading for completing this REQUIRED assignment.** Students who read more than one book will be **rewarded from the Chick-fil-A Summer Reading Program.**

Documentation of the summer reading is to be turned in to the student's teacher by **Friday of the first full week of school**. Students completing this assignment will also receive their individual earned prize or prizes (coupons from Chick-fil-A). We look forward to celebrating your summer reading with a Chick-fil-A breakfast.

We also want our students to enter 5th grade math with confidence, so we are recommending 15-20 minutes of daily math practice for each student over the summer. We have set up your student on the website, [www.freckle.com](http://www.freckle.com) with their own class code so they can easily complete the daily practice.

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## RIISING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH, CONTINUED

Freckle is a free, fun, and an individualized way to practice math. Each section of Adaptive Math Practice will begin with a short pre-test where students will answer questions. This will determine their starting level. **Every time students practice, Freckle automatically adjusts to give them the appropriate challenge.** As students work the program, they earn coins and can go to the Piggy Store to purchase items within the game. Students are also encouraged to practice their multiplication and division facts daily on Freckle.

**Your child's username will be their first name and last name.**  
**Their Freckle class code is YCWK56**

In addition to the Piggy Store on the game, Mrs. Russell will offer rewards for time practiced, math fact practice, and individualized progress made. If you have any questions, please email [teresarussell@hgchristian.org](mailto:teresarussell@hgchristian.org).

It is our hope that just a few minutes of daily math practice on [freckle.com](https://www.freckle.com) will be fun and beneficial for each student.

Have a wonderful summer reading and practicing math skills.  
The Fifth Grade Team

# ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING DOCUMENTATION FOR REWARDS

Rising Fifth Grade parents, please record book titles your student reads. This completed form is required for your rising fifth grade student to receive reward coupons from Chick-fil-A the first month of school. Students, who return this completed form the first full week of school will be eligible to participate in a Chick-fil-A reward breakfast.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Book #1

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cookie Coupon**

Book #2

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chick-n-Minis Coupon**

Book #3

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Milkshake Coupon**

Book #4

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**8-piece nugget Coupon**

## 5TH GRADE LITERATURE LIST

- *Anne of Green Gables* by Montgomery
- *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Buyea
- *Blue Willow* by Gates
- *Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, The* by Kamkwamba
- *Bronze Bow, The* by Speare
- *Caddie Woodlawn* by Brink
- *Carry on, Mr. Bowditch* by Lathan
- *Cricket in Times Square, The* by Selden
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Cleary
- *Esperanza Rising* by Ryan
- *Fish in a Tree* by Hunt
- *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story (kid's edition)* by Lewis
- *Gulliver's Travels (excerpts)* by Swift
- *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Petry
- *Heidi* by Spyri by Spyri
- *Helen Keller: A New Vision* by Hollingsworth
- *Hobbit, The* by Tolkien
- *House of Sixty Fathers, The* by De Jong
- *Island of the Blue Dolphin* by O'Dell
- *Johnny Tremain* by Forbes
- *Journey from Peppermint Street* by De Jong
- *Little Lord Fauntleroy* by Burnett
- *Little Men* by Alcott
- *Long Walk to Water, A* by Park
- *My Name is Tani* by Adewumi
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by O'Brien
- *Night Divided, A* by Nielson
- *Old Yeller* by Gipson
- *Paper Wishes* by Sepahban
- *Prophet with Honor, Kids Edition: The Billy Graham Story* by Martin
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Defoe

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## 5TH GRADE LITERATURE LIST CONT'D.

- *Silver Chair, The* by Lewis
- *Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson* by Denenburg
- *Summer of the Monkeys* by Rawls
- *Summer of the Swans, The* by Byars
- *Swiss Family Robinson* by Wyss
- *Thimble Summer* by Enright
- *Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey* by Tebow, Whitaker
- *Through My Eyes: Ruby Bridges* by Bridges
- *Tom's Midnight Garden* by Pearce
- *Treasure Island* by Stevenson
- *Turn Homeward, Hannalee* by Beatty
- *Two Mighty Rivers* by Hanes
- *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by Lewis
- *Wheel on the School, The* by De Jong
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Rawls
- *Wish* by O'Conner