

5TH – GRADE

May 2025

ELA

CommonLit: Free library of fiction and nonfiction texts with questions.

Summer Book Club: Read a chapter book together weekly (e.g. Wonder, Percy Jackson, or Esperanza Rising), and discuss characters, plot, and theme.

Creative Writing Journal: Use fun prompts (e.g., "Write a story about finding a message in a bottle.") or try poetry and personal narratives.

Montessori Grammar Symbols: Use grammar symbols while writing to review parts of speech.

Literary Games: Play "Who Said It?" with book quotes or vocabulary charades.

MATH

Khan Academy – Review fractions, decimals, and geometry.

Practice multiplication, division, and decimal operations

Math in the Real World:

- Budgeting a party or trip
- Cooking with fractions
- Measuring distances and converting units

Suggested Books for Summer Reading

Daily Reading: 20–30 minutes per day. Use a reading log.

Book Suggestions:

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Science

NASA Kids Club: Fun STEM activities and games.

Simple Experiments at Home:

Make a solar oven

Water filtration challenge

Grow a plant and track its growth

Nature Observation Logs: Sketch, label, and research plants, insects, or animals seen on hikes or walks.

Social Studies

Current Events Scrapbook: Read kid-friendly news (e.g., [Newsela](#)) and write reflections.

Family History Interviews: Interview older relatives and map out a family timeline or ancestry chart.

Executive Function & Life Skills

Practical Life:

Learn to follow a recipe independently

Organize a small event (e.g., a family game night)

Track a weekly schedule with chores and goals

Games That Boost Logic and Strategy:

Chess, Risk, Sudoku, or logic puzzles

"Build Your Own Board Game" project

UPPER ELEMENTARY

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