All About 5th Grade

Your child is about to enter the last year of elementary school and will soon be exploring middle school curriculum. That's why 5th grade is an extremely important time for students to cement the skills they have gained throughout the upper grades and lay a solid foundation for the years ahead.

On top of learning new skills, students will build on what they learned in previous grades by analyzing material in deeper ways. 5th graders are encouraged and expected to be more independent in their learning and more accountable for their actions.

District Level Assessments

STAR Reading
STAR Math
Wakulla Writes
DSBAs

1 **STAR Reading / STAR Math** – Students will take this assessment 4 times per year. STAR is administered in August/September, October, January/February and March/April.

2 **Wakulla Writes** – Students will participate in 2 practice writing tests called Wakulla Writes. The tests are designed to mimic the State Writing assessment.

3 **District Standards Based Assessments (DSBAs)** – Students will take DSBAs throughout the school year to assess mastery of reading and science skills.

Planners

Students will be responsible for showing their parents their planner nightly. Parents, please review your child's homework, AR reading, and daily behavior and sign the planner. In addition to daily homework and behavior, your child can use their planner to track important dates and their weekly spelling words.

Homework and Graded Papers

Graded Papers

- Graded papers will be sent home for you to keep and review. FOCUS will also be updated weekly and will be your best avenue for staying on top of your child's grades in each subject.

Homework

- Homework will begin the first full week of school. **Homework will be assigned every afternoon Monday through Thursday, and occasionally Friday. All assignments will be due the following day unless otherwise noted**. Students will also have A.R. reading homework for thirty minutes each night. In order for students to obtain reading growth, they must read every day. We will check planners daily to help ensure that students are progressing towards their goals. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. It helps to keep students on the right track. Work habits points will be deducted for unsigned planners and each late or missing assignment.

Attendance

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- A student has a better chance of succeeding in school if they attend regularly. Often there are special projects and activities that cannot be made up when missed. Everyone gets sick or has special circumstances that they have to be absent, but please try to attend school as much as possible. Both *excused* and *unexcused* absences are reflected in a student's record. Students also need to understand that days after field trips, half days, etc. are not overlooked. Every day of school counts towards attendance. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more specific information about the county's attendance policy. A copy of the handbook is located in the front of your child's planner.

Accelerated Reader (AR)

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- Students will continue to participate in the AR program. It is the student's responsibility to bring his/her library books to school every day and to read them nightly to achieve his/her reading goal for each grading period. ***Students should document their AR minutes nightly in their planner, and get their parents to sign it. You can also see your child's AR progress by creating an account with Renaissance Home Connect (a link is on your school's home page). Renaissance will email you when your child takes an AR test and will show the progress made toward the point goal.***

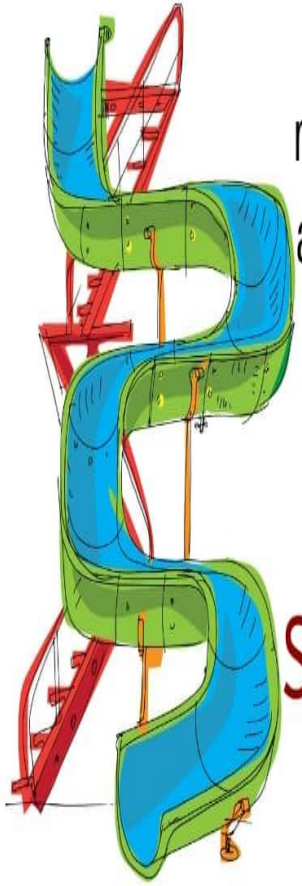
School Wide Expectations

Each Elementary School has their own school wide expectations.

Shadeville's Class Rules/ Warrior Expectations (school wide)

- Aim high with a positive attitude
- Respect yourself, others, and things
- Have Responsible Behavior - Participate in Class – Complete all Assignments
- Obey rules the first time & follow directions
- Warriors display kindness
- Make Shadeville a Safe place to be

Preventing SUMMER SLIDE



Approximately 2 months of reading skills are lost during summer break, on average...

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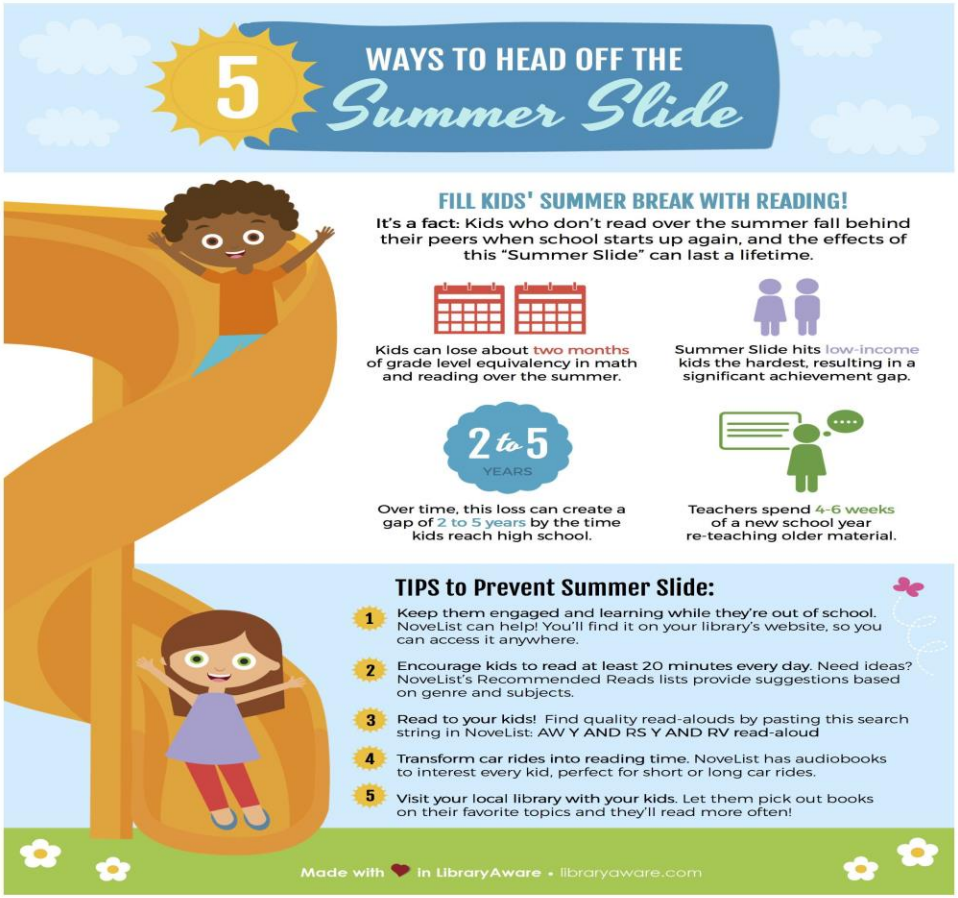

- READ, READ, READ!

Students are encouraged to read throughout the summer and can take AR tests to get a jumpstart on their word count for the 22-23 school year. Reading comprehension activities can also be accessed through their Classlink account.

- Write about Reading

Have your child write about what he/she is reading. This will not only help them remember what they read but will also provide writing practice .

- Math Facts

5th grade students are expected to be able to quickly recall multiplication math facts. Math facts can be practiced using flash cards, phone apps, or on multiple math sites. Students can also access practice materials through Moby Max and Freckle which are available through their Classlink account.

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