

Durbin Creek Elementary School

Getting Ready For Fifth Grade

Dear Rising Fifth Grade Parents,

The fourth grade teachers have worked hard getting your child ready for fifth grade. It is very important that students begin fifth grade knowing their zeros through tens multiplication and division facts. Many students know their multiplication and division facts at the end of fourth grade and forget them over the summer. We are trying to keep this from happening, because knowing these facts is crucial to your child's success in fifth grade math.

Please work with your child on these facts. You can use flash cards (these are easy and fun to make with index cards) and there are many free websites that are fun to use! A couple of great sites are www.multiplication.com and www.coolmath.com. There are also many fun and free apps on SmartPhones.

At the end of fourth grade, students are required to complete fifty multiplication problems (zeros through tens) in three minutes and fifty division problems (zeros through tens) in three minutes. Your child will be tested on these facts, using the same criteria the first week of school. This will count as two test grades, one for multiplication and one for division.

We would also like the rising fifth graders to continue reading over the summer. Please require your child to read three Accelerated Reading books over the summer. The books need to be at least three A.R. points and on your child's reading level. The students will take A.R. tests on these when school begins.

We very much appreciate your support in helping to prepare your child for the fifth grade. Have a great summer and we look so forward to meeting you all in August!

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Team