



Welcome Incoming 5th Grade Families!

You made it, Summer Break has finally arrived! My name is Mrs. Michelle Der, and I will be your child's 5th Grade teacher. Attached you will find the list of 5th Grade school supplies and the Summer assignments.

Before you fret, please know that I have planned carefully to ensure that you and your child will still have ample time to relax and enjoy the summer break. To ensure that they are well prepared to enter the rigors of 5th Grade, these two assignments are geared towards 5th Grade readiness skills. First, your child will read the novel Sign of the Beaver, a short adventure story about independence, responsibility, and survival, all of which your 5th Grader will experience next year. It will lead your child right into our Social Studies curriculum, as well as prepare him/her for Reading/ELA. Students will also be assigned to complete a minimum of 10 hours of Khan "Get Ready for **5th Grade**" level Math. As the title states, this will help prepare your child for 5th Grade level math, as well as, review 4th Grade level skills that may need repetition. **Please note:** It will be imperative that your child master their basic math facts: addition & subtraction (0-30) AND multiplication & division (0-12) prior to the first day of 5th Grade. I guarantee it will be detrimental to your child's progress if they are not mastered skills. Lastly, I would hate to see you and/or your child burned out before the new school year even begins, so make sure that you and your 5th Grader take the time to rest and enjoy the summer break. I look forward to working with you & your child in the near future! Until then, take care! 😊

Regards,

Mrs. Michelle Der

## **\*\*5th Grade Summer Assignments\*\***

- ❑ Read the book, Sign of the Beaver, by Elizabeth George Speare.
- ❑ Complete the Sign of the Beaver Review Packet. (We will correct this packet together as a class starting on the first day of school and there will be a quiz within the first two weeks of school. This packet will help your child study for the quiz.)
- ❑ Summer is a time for math too! Basic Addition & Subtraction facts (0-30) **AND** Multiplication & Division facts (0 - 12) **MUST** be mastered by the time you enter 5th grade. You should also be able to identify place value, multiply multi-digit numbers, do long division, and estimate/round numbers to the nearest thousands. Fraction skills are encouraged, but not mandatory. (Completing the *minimum 10 hours* of the Khan Academy “**Get Ready for 5th Grade**” Math Curriculum program will definitely help with these skills.) This program will also be utilized throughout their 5th Grade year.

\*Please Note: If your 4th Grader was present at school on Monday 6/3, s/he has already set up their account and can begin. If your 4th Grader was absent or new to the school, please email me so that I can invite them to a Zoom Meeting to walk them through this process. (Completing a minimum of 10 hours is a summer required assignment.)

***If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email:  
[der@stanne.com](mailto:der@stanne.com)***

## **Sign of the Beaver Review Packet**

### ***Chapter one...***

1. Why does Matt's father leave him alone in the wilderness?

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2. What two gifts does Matt's father give him before he leaves? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why does Matt's father tell him to cut notches on a stick? \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***Chapters two & three...***

1. Why was it so important to keep the fire from burning out? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did Ben take? \_\_\_\_\_ Why was that so important? \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***Chapters four & five...***

1. Who or what broke into Matt's cabin? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What advice did Matt's father give him about the bees? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What food item did Matt's mother persuade his father to bring with them? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Who rescued Matt after he climbed the bee tree? \_\_\_\_\_

***Chapter six...***

1. What important thing did Saknis give Matt? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Matt agree to do for Saknis? \_\_\_\_\_

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***Chapters seven & eight...***

1. How did both boys feel about the first reading lesson? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why does Attean think the white man in the story is not as smart as an Indian?

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***Chapters nine & ten...***

1. What does Attean show Matt how to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What do Matt and Attean decide to go do together? \_\_\_\_\_

***Chapter eleven...***

1. What is the sign of the beaver? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How did Attean cheer Matt up at the end of the chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

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***Chapter twelve...***

1. What did Matt decide he needed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What was wrong with Matt's bow? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did Attean do for Matt? \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Chapters thirteen & fourteen ...***

1. What did Matt watch for in the forest? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What did they find the fox stuck in? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why wouldn't Attean set it free? \_\_\_\_\_
4. To whom did Attean tell the story of Robinson Crusoe? \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Chapters fifteen & sixteen...***

1. How did Matt distract the bear? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Where did Attean invite Matt? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did Matt sleep that night? \_\_\_\_\_

***Chapter seventeen...***

1. Why did Attean's grandmother not want Matt at the feast? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What happened to Attean's mother? \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Chapter eighteen...***

1. What did Matt find in a turtle trap? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How did he get it out? \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Chapters nineteen & twenty...***

1. Why did Matt pay close attention to what the squaws were doing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What did Matt lose in the game? \_\_\_\_\_ How did he get it back?  
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3. What was Matt able to do with Attean's dog that he hadn't been able to do  
before? \_\_\_\_\_

***Chapters twenty-one & twenty-two...***

1. What does Saknis want Matt to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What was Saknis's gift to Matt? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was Attean's gift to Matt? \_\_\_\_\_ What was Matt's gift to Attean?  
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***Chapter twenty-three...***

1. What did Matt make out of one of the blankets? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Matt make that he was most proud of? \_\_\_\_\_

*Chapters twenty-four & twenty-five...*

1. What had happened that delayed his family? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How is the ending of the story bittersweet for Matt? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What had Saknis been right about? \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the following in one complete thorough paragraph (at least 5 sentences):**

My favorite part of the book was... \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fifth Grade Supply List

- 1 Book bag or Backpack (NO roller backpacks allowed.)
  - 3 “Plastic” folders (horizontal pockets with prongs in RED, BLACK, & GREEN)
  - 5 Composition notebooks (1-subject, 9¾ x 7½, wide-ruled, in the following colors: YELLOW, BLUE, GREEN, & 2x BLACK) – *No Spirals Notebooks*
  - 2 Large packages of *wide-ruled* binder paper
  - 24 Sharpened #2 pencils (Dixon Ticonderoga is the best brand, and lasts.)
  - 12 *Non-clicking & Non-erasable* blue pens
  - 12 *Non-clicking & Non-erasable* red pens
  - 8 Correction Tapes (*NO Liquid White-out*)
  - 1 Assorted pack of Post-it Flags
  - 1 Eraser
  - 1 Covered pencil sharpener (Choose wisely, you want it to last.)
  - 2 Hi-Liters (One MUST be yellow)
  - 2 Black Sharpies (Fine & Ultra Fine points)
  - 2 Dry Erase markers *w/erasers* (2 different colors, NO yellow accepted)
  - 1 Cloth pouch (*NO boxes or plastic pouches please.*)
  - 1 Clear Plastic Ruler with inches and centimeters (*No bendable rulers please.*)
  - 1 Pair pointed Fiskars scissors (7”)
  - 1 Small Elmer’s glue
  - 6 Large Glue sticks
  - 6 Double-sided tape dispensers
  - 1 Box of 24 Crayons
  - 2 Packs of washable markers (one thick pointed, one thin pointed, 8-10 count)
  - 1 Box of 12-24 colored pencils (Twistables are allowed)
  - 1 Pack of Index cards
  - 1 Box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
  - 1 Box of Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags
  - 2 Large boxes of tissue 250+ count, unscented
  - 1 Roll of paper towel
  - 2 Packages of hand/baby wipes (No small/mini packs please.)
  - 1 Large container of disinfecting wipes
  - Required Book:*** Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607 By: Elisa Carbone
- ★ DO NOT READ OVER THE SUMMER. WE WILL READ IN CLASS TOGETHER.**

**Spanish class supplies:**

- ❑ 1 8.5” x 11” Plastic Poly 2 Pocket Folder with any design of front (with fasteners)  
\*DO NOT use the colors RED, BLACK, or GREEN.
- ❑ 1 spiral notebook with any design on front (It can be the SAME spiral used in 4<sup>th</sup> grade if it is still in good condition.)  
\*DO NOT use the colors RED, BLACK, or GREEN if possible.
- ❑ 1 pack of BLANK 100 count Index Cards with a holder or box

**Science class supplies:**

- ❑ 1 Sturdy 1” 3 - Ring Binder (Must last the entire school year.)  
\*DO NOT use the colors RED, BLACK, or GREEN.
- ❑ 1 Set of Dividers for Binder
- ❑ 1 package of wide-ruled binder paper

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**IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES (*i.e.* every single pencil, every crayon, every pen, every glue stick, etc. EVERYTHING!!!) WITH YOUR NAME OR INITIAL. (Sticky labels/stickers are acceptable.)**

**Items that DO NOT need to be labeled:**

- 1 Pack of Index cards
- 1 Box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 Box of Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags
- 2 Large boxes of tissue 250+ count, unscented
- 1 Roll of paper towel
- 2 Packages of hand/baby wipes (No small/mini packs please.)
- 1 Large container of disinfecting wipes

**If you are unsure of what an item is or looks like, please see the digitized link that will be posted on the St. Anne website. If you are still unsure, please do not hesitate to email me:**

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