

June 16, 2016

Dear Parents of Rising Fifth Graders,

Reading, writing, and arithmetic are vital components for every child's success in school. Continuing to practice these skills over the summer is an excellent way to reinforce and maintain key concepts learned this year and to ensure there is minimal regression over the summer. The following activities are required for the rising fifth grade class.

During the summer, students are encouraged to read as much as possible. Students need to log the books they read on the attached reading log. For book suggestions, check the summer reading list, as it is posted on our website at www.eliot.needham.k12.ma.us/summer or ask for suggestions from the Librarian at the Needham Public Library.

Your child's summer reading assignment is to read the following required book, Out Of My Mind, by Sharon M. Draper, and another book of their choice. The required book will be used for in-class activities at the beginning of the school year. For the book of their choice, they are to write a summary (no longer than one paragraph, 5-7 sentences) explaining in brief detail what the book was about. Please include the title and author of the book.

Additionally, math materials are attached: a math packet and other math resources. Your child is expected to continue brushing up on his/her computation skills (especially multiplication facts) throughout the summer. Within the first week of school your child's teacher will collect the summary, math packet, and reading log. Hard copies of this letter and all materials will be left at the main office and on the Eliot webpage in case the packet is lost.

In August, you will receive another letter from us informing you about what supplies you need to purchase before school starts.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
The Fifth Grade Team