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Dear Parents,

It is our goal as educators to work closely with you to ensure the academic success of your child. Home learning is an essential part of the learning process. It reinforces what was introduced in class as well as provides extra practice for students in order to obtain mastery of skills being taught. Home learning is assigned daily. Below are some guidelines and tips to help you monitor and assist your child with the completion of home learning.

- District guidelines for home learning in 5th grade are one hour a day **plus** half an hour of independent reading.
- Help your child develop a routine for completing home learning such as setting a time for completing it and designating a quiet, well lit area away from distractions.
- All **textbooks are accessible to students via the Miami Dade County Student Portal** in the event that your child leaves his/her book at school and needs it in order to complete an assignment or study for a test.
- **Mathematics:** Students in fifth grade MUST be fluent with the multiplication facts up to 12. The website <https://www.reflexmath.com/> is available to help students practice fluency with multiplication. In addition to the math text being online, students should be taking home their math books daily in order to complete assigned home learning. Students can also access Think Central through the student portal in order to obtain extra practice and reinforcement on skills being taught in class.
- **Reading:** Each week, spelling and vocabulary words will be assigned to your child. Assignments will be given daily to help him/her practice the spelling and/or meaning of the words. Part of each night's home learning is at least 30 minutes of sustained silent reading in addition to any reading/language arts home learning assignments given.
- **iReady:** iReady is a computer program designed to strengthen students' skills in the areas of reading and math. The program tailors instruction to the need of each individual child. Students are required to complete 45 minutes a week in math **AND** 45 minutes a week in reading. Please monitor your child's completion of iReady weekly.
- **Science and Social Studies:** Students will be required to study and prepare for tests as well as complete projects in these subject areas. The website <http://studyjams.scholastic.com/studyjams/index.htm> is used in class to help reinforce science concepts. Your child may access the website from home and review the lesson that was taught in class.

Should you have questions regarding home learning at any time, please contact your child's teacher. By working together we will help your child reach his/her maximum potential.

Sincerely,

The 5th Grade Team