

Dear Rising 5th Grade Parents,

Thank you for another successful year at HLS! Below is information which will assist you during the summer break and help your student hit the ground running in August. Don't forget these important dates:

- Friday, August 20, 1:00-3:00PM – Meet the Teacher
- Tuesday, August 24 – Fall Term Begins

Please contact the office if you have any questions. Have a great summer!

HLS Administration

Reading

- Required Summer Reading: *Story of the World vol. II* will be provided by HLS. Books are due to your teacher the first week of school. Students should be prepared for a class book discussion and simple quiz over the assigned reading during the first week of school.
- Summer reading suggestions may be found at hls.org/summerreadinglist. We recommend that students select books from the lists that best suit the student. For example, a student who is in first grade and needs some practice reading may read books from the Kindergarten or first grade list. A student who is going into second grade next year and needs a challenge can read from the second grade list or higher.
- Read-aloud selections are listed and can be purchased at memoriapress.com/curriculum/read-aloud-books. These books match the students' listening level. Students may be ready to read these independently after having heard them in class. Students are never too old for you to read to them!
- Students are encouraged to keep a summer reading journal. For each book include a page with title, author, and an illustration. The goal is to read one hour each day. This journal can be turned in to your child's teacher at Meet the Teacher in August.

Latin

- Keep your Latin flashcards and review over the summer. Divide the words into two piles – words they can instantly recall and words they need to practice.
- Please see the Summer Latin Review letter for a detailed strategy for reviewing Latin vocabulary.

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Math

- All students will be given a workbook of math drills. Start with “Week 25” drills and aim to complete one drill per day. This will provide practice of the recent concepts. Work to increase the number of problems you can complete in 10 minutes. Keys for each workbook are available at hls.org/summer-math-speed-drills

Math Drill Instructions

1. Complete one drill each weekday.
 2. Work as hard as you can for 10 minutes. Focus on accuracy.
 3. Circle the last problem you completed in the 10 minute time. Try to complete more and more problems each day.
 4. Taking extra time to complete the drill will give you more practice, which will help you improve.
 5. Record your time to chart your progress!
- Practice addition and subtraction flashcards **through 20**, and multiplication and division flashcards **through 12**. Divide the math flashcards into two piles – words they can instantly recall and words they need to practice.

Classical Studies

- Review *D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths* to retain important history.
- Middle Ages books (*Adventures of Knighthood, Armor, Castles, Knights and Castles, The Medieval World, Viking World and Who Were the Vikings?*) are also good choices.

Geography

- Review U.S. states and capitals with a U.S. map.
- Review countries and capitals in the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe.
- Online games for review are fun and beneficial.