

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 18, 1:00-3:00PM – Meet the Teacher
- Tuesday, August 22 – 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 that are challenging and interesting.
- 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.
- Your Summer Latin Review letter has helpful information on reviewing flashcards, grammar forms, and Latin sayings.

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Math

- A workbook of math drills will be sent home with your student and will provide practice of recent concepts taught. Students should focus on accuracy and work to increase their speed. Aim to complete two drills per week. Students will turn their completed workbook in to their teacher on Meet the Teacher Day for a homework grade.
- 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 *Famous Men of Rome* 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.