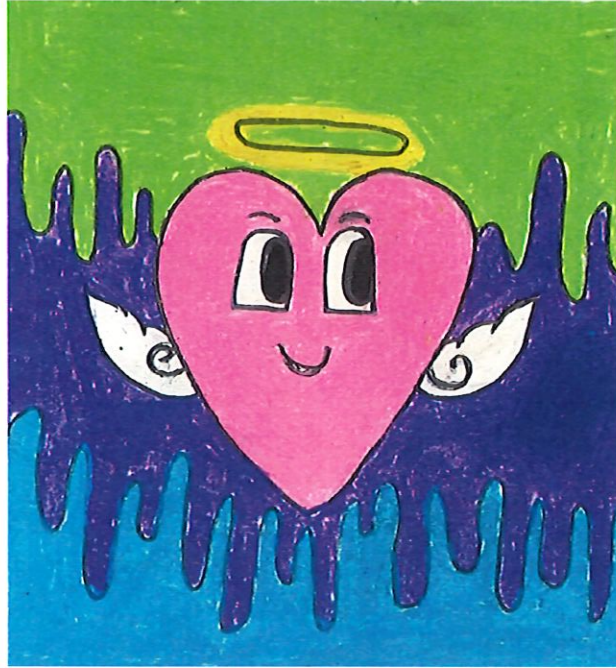


## FIFTH GRADE SUMMER READING



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"I OWE EVERYTHING I AM AND EVERYTHING I WILL EVER BE TO BOOKS."  
GARY PAULSEN

**Required Reading:**

Choose and read one of the following books:

***Refugee* by Alan Gratz**

Three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers—from drawings to bombings to betrayals. But for each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, surprising connections will tie their stories together in the end.

***Orphan Train Girl* by Christina Baker Kline**

Molly Ayer has been in foster care since she was eight years old. Most of the time, Molly knows it's her attitude that's the problem, but after being shipped from one family to another, she's had her fair share of adults treating her like an inconvenience. So when Molly's forced to help a wealthy elderly woman clean out her attic for community service, Molly is wary. But from the moment they meet, Molly realizes that Vivian isn't like any of the adults she's encountered before. Vivian asks Molly questions about her life and actually listens to the answers.

***Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate**

In Africa, Kek lived with his mother, father, and brother. But only he and his mother have survived, and now she's missing. Kek is on his own. Slowly, he makes friends: a girl who is in foster care, and an old woman who owns a rundown farm, and a cow whose name means "family" in his native language. As Kek awaits word of his mother's fate, he weathers the tough Minnesota winter by finding warmth in his few friendships, strength in his memories, and belief in his new country.

## Assignment

After reading the book, you will make an 8 slideshow in Google Slides.

- **Frame 1** - General Information: Title, author, genre, picture of the book and your name
- **Frame 2** - Characters: Names of the main characters, a list of three character traits for each, and pictures of what you think each character may look like.
- **Frame 3** - Describe the setting of the story. Include a picture of what you think the setting would be like.
- **Frame 4** - What is the main problem (conflict) in the story? What are two key events that take place in the beginning of the story? Include pictures of what you visualized was happening for each key event.
- **Frame 5** - What challenges were depicted in the story? What are two key events that take place in the middle of the story? Include pictures of what you visualized was happening for each key event.
- **Frame 6** - What was the climax of the story? What happened in the story after the climax? Don't give the solution to the main problem (the ending of the book) as it would spoil other students' enjoyment should they choose to read the book. Include pictures of what you visualized was happening at the climax and after.
- **Frame 7** - Describe your favorite part of the book and why you liked that specific part. Include a picture of this part of the book.
- **Frame 8**: Your thoughts: Did you like the book? Why or why not? Rate the book on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best book I have read in a while.

Hints on making and presenting a slideshow:

1. Slideshows are VISUAL. Do not put any paragraphs on your slides. You will present the slideshow by elaborating with your spoken words. The slide should be an attractive visual.
2. Less is better. Don't get too cluttered.
3. Create your slideshow with Google Slides and share them with me when you are finished.





# SUMMER Math



## Let's get to work on summer learning!

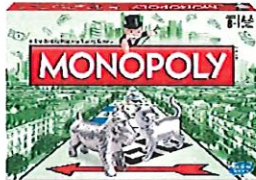
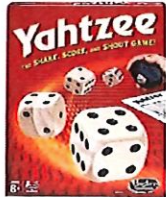
Below are the math recommendations we are suggesting for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to be prepared for next year.



Students should earn a green dot in Reflex Math three times each week. Without practice, Math skills decline. Prodigy is another great online resource.



[www.khanacademy.com](https://www.khanacademy.com) has great videos to reteach concepts. Please remember that Brandon Academy students have an advanced math curriculum. If searching a grade level to review, incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders should choose 4<sup>th</sup> grade math to review and incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade should choose 5<sup>th</sup> grade math to review.



**Play math games.** Games like Yahtzee and Monopoly all rely on skills necessary for math, such as counting, categorizing, and building.

Please return the bottom of the page during the first week of school. Have a great summer!

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I verify that my child has met the summer math requirement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_