

February 16, 2016

Dear 5th Grade Families,

Winter is almost over, and hopefully spring is on the way! We hope that everyone enjoys their time off and has a restful week. Below you will find your child's homework assignments. They are familiar with this checklist as we went over it in class. If your child has any questions about how to complete their assignments, have them call a friend, use the class website and use their class resources (notebooks & folders).

Math

- ✓ Complete the math review packet. This will help you remember all your multiplication division and decimal place value work.
- ✓ Make sure you *show your work* and *explain your thinking* when it is asked. ☺
- ✓ Resources to help you: math nbk., math folder & math links on class website

Reading & Writing

- ✓ **Read 1 chapter book.**
 - Complete the pattern & big idea note page. Make sure you include evidence with page numbers for your ideas
 - This can be a book you use for your book review
- ✓ **Write a book review about a book that you have recently finished. If you just finished your book club book, review that.**
Your Review MUST include:
 - The book's title and author
 - A brief summary of the plot that doesn't give away too much (1 paragraph)
 - Comments on the book's strengths and weaknesses (2-3 paragraphs)
 - Your personal response to the book with specific examples to support praise or criticism (1 paragraph)

We will share our reviews when we get back to school. Think about who might want to read your book, and what you would want to tell them. Review some book review mentor text online at the Books section of *USA Today* or *The New York Times*, the Barnes & Noble Review, or *Kirkus Reviews*. You also can refer to the mentor book review in your reading folder.

Sincerely,

Ms. Catherine and Ms. Maggie

What to Pack:

- I.R. book
- Book Club book
- Reading nbk.
- Reading folder
- Grade 5 NY State Fall Assessment Booklet
- Math nbk.
- Math folder