

# What Your Child Will Learn in Fifth Grade

## Grade 5 Learning Guide

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A guide to the skills typically taught and practiced during fifth grade.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_



### Reading & Literature

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Read and comprehend grade-level texts with fluency
- Determine and summarize the main idea and key details
- Analyze characters, setting, and plot
- Compare and contrast multiple texts and genres
- Identify and evaluate the author's purpose
- Use text evidence to support answers and opinions
- Analyze nonfiction features (headings, captions, charts, maps, etc.)
- Compare information from multiple sources
- Explain how an author supports a point with reasons and evidence
- Make connections between texts and real life
- Interpret figurative language, symbolism, and theme

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### Writing

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- Write clear, organized multi-paragraph essays
- Write opinion pieces with supporting reasons
- Write informative/explanatory texts with facts, definitions, and details
- Write narratives with a clear beginning, middle, and end
- Use precise vocabulary and sensory details
- Organize ideas with an introduction, body, and conclusion
- Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
- Revise and edit writing for clarity, coherence, and style
- Conduct simple research and take notes
- Paraphrase and correctly cite sources
- Write neatly with proper spacing and legible handwriting

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### Vocabulary & Word Study

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- Use context clues to determine word meaning
- Decode and use Greek and Latin roots and affixes
- Identify and use common prefixes and suffixes
- Recognize and use academic and domain-specific vocabulary
- Use and interpret figurative language (similes, metaphors, idioms)
- Choose precise words for meaning and effect
- Understand and use parts of speech in context
- Use new vocabulary correctly in speaking and writing

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### Grammar & Language

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- Identify and use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs
- Recognize and use common and proper nouns
- Use subject-verb agreement
- Use past, present, and future verb tenses correctly
- Use *and*, *but*, *or*, *so*, *because* in sentences
- Use prepositions and prepositional phrases
- Use and punctuate dialogue correctly
- Use commas in a series, in dates and addresses, and with introductory words
- Use quotation marks, italics, and underlining correctly
- Recognize and correct run-on and fragment sentences
- Use grade-level vocabulary and sentence variety

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### Mathematics

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- Read, write, and compare decimals to thousandths
- Add and subtract decimals to hundredths (and thousandths)
- Multiply decimals to hundredths
- Divide decimals to hundredths
- Understand place value (to the million)
- Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators
- Multiply fractions by whole numbers
- Divide unit fractions by whole numbers (and vice versa)
- Multiply and divide whole numbers using two-digit divisors
- Use order of operations (parentheses, brackets, exponents)
- Solve multi-step word problems
- Convert measurements (length, weight, volume, time)
- Find volume of rectangular prisms
- Plot and interpret points on a coordinate plane (first quadrant)
- Interpret and create line plots, bar graphs, and data charts
- Find and use the area and perimeter of rectangles and rectangles with missing sides
- Identify and classify 2D and 3D shapes and their attributes
- Use math skills to solve real-world problems

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### Science

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- Understand the scientific method
- Investigate matter and its properties (solids, liquids, gases)
- Explore changes in matter (physical and chemical)
- Understand the conservation of matter
- Investigate forces and motion (including gravity)
- Learn about energy and how it is transferred
- Study Earth's systems (rocks, landforms, water, weather, climate)
- Explore the Sun, Earth, and stars
- Learn about ecosystems, food webs, and energy flow
- Investigate plants, animals, and adaptations
- Conduct simple experiments and draw conclusions
- Develop and use models, charts, and evidence to explain ideas
- Explore simple engineering and design solutions

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### Social Studies

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- Use map skills, geography, and world regions
- Learn about the history of the United States (early to modern)
- Explore important people, events, and multiple perspectives
- Understand government, rights, and civic responsibilities
- Learn about the economy, trade, and resources
- Explore cultures, communities, and global connections
- Analyze historical sources and primary documents
- Use timelines to organize historical events
- Develop informed opinions about past and present events

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### Learning Habits & Life Skills

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- Follow multi-step directions
- Stay organized and manage time
- Work independently and ask for help when needed
- Take responsibility for their work
- Show kindness, respect, and good citizenship
- Work cooperatively with others
- Express ideas clearly and listen to others
- Solve problems and make good choices
- Handle frustration and keep a positive attitude
- Set goals and recognize their own progress

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We teach for understanding, not speed.

Every new skill rests on a foundation the child can understand and use.

