

# FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE



# Literacy Skills Checklist

The following items are skills fourth and fifth-grade students need to know in preparation for school in the Fall:

## Fourth-Grade Skills

- Read with accuracy and fluency (not stumbling over words)
- Self-correct after mispronouncing a word.
- Be able to look for meaning in historical, scientific, and technical texts.
- Compare and contrast two or more accounts of the same event.
- Describe the theme, character, setting, and point of view in a story

## Fifth-Grade Skills

- Quote from what they read to help support their understanding.
- Summarize what they read and state the main idea or theme.
- Compare stories to each other.
- Be able to describe causes and effects as described in a reading.

- Read and understand literature, poetry, and drama.
- Use adjectives, transition words, and phrases in writing.
- Explore and understand different kinds of texts, like biographies, poetry, and fiction.
- Understand and explore expository, narrative, and persuasive text.
- Read to extract specific information, such as from a science book.
- Identify parts of speech and devices like similes and metaphors.
- Correctly identify major elements of stories, like time, place, plot, problem, and resolution.
- Read and write on a specific topic for fun, and understand what style is needed.
- Analyze texts for meaning.

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