

## Incoming 5th Grade

Read the three books listed below. Be prepared to take a test on each book in September. Take brief notes so you can refresh your memory prior to the test.

Mudshark – Gary Paulsen Mudshark is actually Lyle Williams. He got his name for his lightning speed and incredible observation skills. Most of Mudshark's skills are put to use helping his friends at school. He has a certain knack for finding anything that goes missing. Now he must locate the school's mysteriously missing erasers. Yes, gradually every eraser in the school has disappeared!

Be prepared to answer the following:

1. Why was Mudshark considered the "Go to Guy"?
2. Why did the students name the character Mudshark?
3. What do you think of the principle? Describe what he is like based on the information the author provided.

The War with Grandpa – Robert Kimmel Smith When Peter's grandfather moves from Florida to live with him and his family, Peter is dislocated from his beloved bedroom and forced to live in the upstairs attic. Peter is angry and upset, and feeling like he has no other recourse, he decides to take matters into his own hands by declaring "war."

Be prepared to answer:

1. Explain Peter's transformation (change) in the story, from the beginning to the end of the story. Be specific!!!

The U.S. Constitution and You – Syl Sobel

Discover how the Constitution provides for the federal government's three branches--legislative, executive, and judicial. Then they see how it gives all citizens many rights, including the right to vote, to enjoy freedom of speech and the press, to worship according to one's religious beliefs, etc.

Be prepared to answer the following:

1. What are the changes to the Constitution called? How many changes are there?
2. Name three rights that the Constitution gave to people.
3. Describe the **Bill of Rights**.
4. What is federalism?
5. Name three rights that the state government has as protected by the Constitution.
6. Why is it important for states to have individual powers and not all the states have the same powers?
7. In your opinion, why do you think the **United States Constitution** is important?
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THIS IS OPTIONAL:

if you complete your weekly reading you may enjoy

Reading:

- Hofus the Stonecutter, A Japanese Folktale.

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-  Fractured Tales.pdf