



DIGITAL ACADEMY OF FLORIDA

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Dear 2022-2023 Fifth Grade Families,

We are so excited to welcome your fifth graders to Digital Academy of Florida this year. To help facilitate a successful school year, we have attached our expectations and suggestions for students entering fifth grade based on the Florida B.E.S.T. standards. Please keep in mind that all children learn and progress differently. We look forward to partnering with you to continue to move your child forward this school year.

Basic Expectations and Foundation for Fifth Grade Language Arts

- Reading stamina (read independently for at least 30 minutes)
- Reading fluency (read at least 120 words in 1 minute without errors)
- Read and identify major story elements such as:
 - characters, setting, theme, figurative language (similes, metaphor, alliteration)
- Read and identify informational text features such as:
 - o main idea/supporting details, cause/effect, charts/timelines
- Write a 5 sentence paragraph with correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and focus
- Write a 4 paragraph opinion/informative essay with a clear introduction, 2 body paragraphs with support, and a conclusion

Basic Expectations and Foundation for Fifth Grade Math

- Know math facts (multiplication and division up to 12s)
- Whole number place values to the billions place and decimal place values to the hundredths.
- Add and subtract whole numbers with regrouping, including regrouping across zeros.
- Correctly identify the operations (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division) in word problems
- Know and use math vocabulary from previous grade levels
- Understand concepts of time with digital and analog clock formats

Basic Expectations and Foundation for Technology Skills

- Save files in various formats (PDF, .doc, .ppt)
- Attach files to emails and more
- Create new documents
- Take screenshots or use snipping tool

Basic Expectations for Email

- Compose an email in a letter format and not as a text message
- Use the subject-line of an email appropriately
- Check and read emails daily, including newsletters and other important correspondence

Basic Expectations and Foundation for Virtual Synchronous Learning

- Attendance at all Class Connects unless absence is excused by the teacher via email
- Have a learning space without distractions, but easily monitored by learning coaches
- Maintain a system that allows the learner and learning coach to organize assignments, their due dates, and their grades
- Participation in all Class Connects through answering questions, reading aloud, working collaboratively in breakout rooms, taking notes, and completing practice work in notebooks

Suggested Activities for Continuous Review and Reinforcement of Math and Reading Skills:

- Read, read, read, to make thoughtful inferences and connections
- Keep a notebook or journal to practice writing and sentence structure
- Utilize Big Universe Library to reinforce reading comprehension
- Utilize iXL to reinforce skills taught in math

We understand that all students learn differently and progress at different rates. With this in mind, we would love to hear from you. Please schedule a conference with your teacher to help us further understand your child as a learner.

Again, we look forward to partnering with you this year to help your child continue to make growth!

Sincerely,

Your 5th Grade Teachers