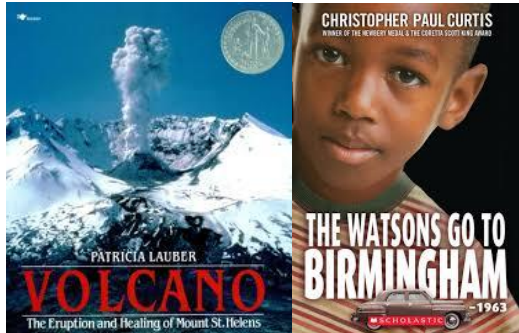


Dear Rising Fifth Grader,

Summer is a time to rest, relax, and....get ready for Fifth Grade!!

Please read a minimum of **TWO** books this summer. Your Fifth Grade reading teacher will be discussing and testing you on the **required** books in the first few weeks of school.

Required Reading Books:	Summer Assignment
<p>Fiction (FL B.E.S.T. Literature): <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> (Christopher Paul Curtis)</p> <p>Non-Fiction: <i>Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount St. Helen</i> (Patricia Lauber)</p> 	<p>After reading <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> (Christopher Paul Curtis), create a 5 slide PowerPoint Presentation. Your presentation should include information about the characters, setting, plot, theme, and a summary of the story. Your teachers will explain how to submit the assignment upon your return to school. Be creative and have fun reading this summer!</p>

Access a Summer of FREE reading! Please go to your nearest public library

<https://www.mdpls.org/> or




district summer reading site <https://read.dadeschools.net/#!/> to access suggested reading books for your grade level, eBooks, and other reading resources.

Practice Typing Apps: Free typing Apps are available for students (attached flyer) to practice typing skills this summer in preparation for the F.A.S.T. Writing Assessment.

Happy Reading!!

We will see you on Thursday, August 13, 2026!

Typing Practice: Teacher Guide

Website	Description
<p style="text-align: center;">Typing Test https://www.typingtest.com/</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based—no need to download app. <input type="checkbox"/> It does not require an account. <input type="checkbox"/> Students simply go to site and start. <input type="checkbox"/> It includes Typing Tests, Tricky Keys, The Lab, Type Rush Race, and Typing Games. <input type="checkbox"/> It has ads but at the bottom of the site.
<p style="text-align: center;">Power Typing https://www.powertyping.com/gwerty/lessonsq.html</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to access and navigate. <input type="checkbox"/> No adds or extensions. <input type="checkbox"/> No need to create account or sign up, students can go straight to practice. <input type="checkbox"/> Rhythmical typing included. Students can play "radio music" to type a lesson to the rhythm of the music (instrumental).
<p style="text-align: center;">Typing Club https://www.typingclub.com/sportal/program-3.game</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to access and navigate. <input type="checkbox"/> No adds or extensions. <input type="checkbox"/> No need to create account or sign up, students can go straight to practice. <input type="checkbox"/> Website encourages students to follow the order of the lessons since they build in complexity. <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons include videos with short tutorials.