

Ms. Vermeulen's Newsletter

End of the Year Info

*Summer packets have been handed out to students. Please let me know ASAP if you did not receive one and would like one for \$3.00.

**What exactly is in the summer packet?* The packet has plenty of review of multi-step multiplication and division, story problems, and fractions. Students should be able to complete it in 6 weeks with only doing 3 or 4 full pages a week.

*Students should be able to complete the sheets mostly independently after a few minutes review or 1-2 example problems.

* Remember, if students turn this packet in during the beginning of the school year I will plan a special treat for them. (Packets will need to be at least 75% complete).

What's New?

There are also many resources available on my weebly for summer practice. Under "more," click "Summer Options," to see some of the different programs (both free as well as paid options) that could help you student over the summer months. Here are some additional ideas!

-Go with your child to the book store, and pick up a book prepping for fifth grade! There are lots of resources out there, I will do my research and let you know which books can best prepare your students.

-Visit my Fifth Grade Homework Help Section

Adding and subtracting mixed numbers and fractions are the first concepts covered in fifth grade.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at avermeulen@lakeorion.k12.mi.us ☺

Sneak Peak into 5th Grade

In August, students will spend the first month in their own classroom as they begin adding and subtracting with fractions and mixed numbers. I will arrive to school after Labor Day to begin pulling students who will benefit from some extra practice.

Again, in 5th grade I typically pull out a group of students twice a week for a half hour. Depending on the schedule, I will also be extra support in the math classroom twice a week.

The first unit of fifth grade really pushes students to jump right back into math. You can help prepare your student by having them review fraction concepts over the summer.

What you can do at home

- ❖ **Flash cards!** *Multiplication and division flash cards are a great way to help students master their facts. Ask me for a link to free flash cards!*
- ❖ Visit www.thinkcentral.com for games at your child's grade level. They should know their ID and login!
- ❖ Visit my weebly at <http://avermeulen.weebly.com/> This has lots of tools and resources to help you and your child!

