

Summer Coursework for Upcoming 5th Graders

Language Arts and Classbuilding:

Cereal Box Autobiography -

As a springboard for relationship building, writing and goal setting, each student will create a Cereal Box Autobiography. Every student will need a family-sized cereal box to decorate and fill with 3-5 artifacts that symbolize your life and identity. We will begin presenting our autobiography boxes during the first week of school. Once students share their box with their peers and teachers, they will take the artifacts home. The cereal box will remain in the classroom as a writing portfolio, and goal setting tool. Students will be graded on meeting the criteria, quality (did they really put thought into this project), and neatness. The following criteria should be met upon completion of the cereal box.

1 - Outside the box should be covered/decorated with your favorite color paper.

The following should be represented on one of the two narrow **sides** of the box:

- Your name
- Favorite picture of yourself

The following should be represented on each remaining **three faces (sides)** of the box:

- Your strengths (what are you good at doing)
- Your weaknesses (challenges you have)
- Your family stories
- The future: hopes, dreams, goals
- Pictures or printed words of your “favorites” (music, food, movies, etc.)

You may write or use drawings, photographs, magazines, or newspaper cut-outs to communicate the above five categories.

2 – Inside the box should have 3-5 artifacts, or objects, that that symbolizes your life and identity. These items may include (but not limited to) awards, sentimental memorabilia, clothing, etc. However, you may not place pets, valuables, or perishable items inside the box.

Reading Assignment

1. Choose either a biography or autobiography of your choice that is connected to your life. For example, if one of your goals is to be a professional baseball player, then choose a biography/autobiography about a baseball player.
2. Read weekly and keep a running log of your books. You may begin taking AR tests the first week of school so you will be on your way to success.

Math:

The purpose of the summer math work is to have students practice skills they have learned and keep them fresh for next school year. Your child was given a user name and password to the website [www. prodigygame.com](http://www.prodigygame.com) before leaving for the summer. The 5th grade math teachers can monitor the time spent practicing math.

Also, multiplication and division facts to 12 should be memorized and refreshed over the summer.

If you are new to Berkley, or if you lost your username and password, please email debra.young@berkleyknights.net and she will email you a username and password to the program.

Enjoy your summer! We look forward to a great year in 5th grade!