

Dear Incoming Fifth Graders,

As your 4th grade school year comes to a close, I am sure your teachers have shared the expectations of the fifth grade teachers. Your fifth grade teachers will not only be there to support you through your transition into the departmentalized structure of the grade, we are also there to guide you academically. After week one, you will feel quite confident with the routine as you and your homeroom travel to classes together. When we return, you will also become a “pro” not only at opening your locker, but at writing down your homework in your planners, and finding time to complete your assignments every evening. Many students find practicing with circular combination locks over the summer is quite helpful in preparation for opening your locker when returning to Brookside.

*Fifth grade math students of the past will share their experiences with Five Minute Frenzies (see website below). Research shows that students who are fluent with their math facts work more efficiently when problem solving. **I am therefore strongly recommending you practice your math facts a few times a week with Five Minute Frenzies, and by using the educational and entertaining math game websites below.** You should work toward 100% accuracy with these resources by the end of August. The Five Minute Frenzy website is provided at the bottom of the page. You can time yourself and check your work through the answer keys provided on the website.*

To keep track of your practice, you are welcome to use a log ([on the following page](#)) of the time you spend taking Five Minute Frenzies, as well as the time you practice on the math game websites. When using the websites, please select topics related to fractions and operation facts.

[Five Minute Frenzies Website](#)

(Multiplication icon -> multiplication facts -> Five Minute Frenzy Charts -> Frenzy 2 to 12-> scroll down to find the Frenzies)

[Prodigy](#)

[Fun Brain Games](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

[Arcade Math Games](#)

[A+ Math Game Site](#)

[Math-Play](#)

I look forward to seeing you this fall and wish you a fun and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Lenore Ebneter

Fifth Grade Math

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