Get Ready for
Kitah Hey
Summer Packet
Dear Kitah Hey/Fifth Graders,

Welcome to Fifth Grade! We are so excited to be your teachers. You will be learning so much this year. In fifth grade, you will have different teachers for General Studies, Math, Science, Jewish Studies and Hebrew. Over the summer, please continue to read books in both English and Hebrew, as well as practice your math facts. Included in this packet is your summer reading assignment, additional reading suggestions, and math links.

We hope you have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ravitz, Morah Eliana and Mrs. Sterling
5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Over the summer, please read the book *How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O’Connor. Then, answer the following TWO questions in paragraph form. You may write your responses with a pencil on this paper, or you may type it and print it out.

1. A hero is a person who is admired for their courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities. Do you think anyone in *How To Steal A Dog* shows heroic qualities? Who? What does he/she do that is courageous, outstanding, or noble?

2. Imagine that the book is written from another character’s perspective (point of view). How do you think the story would be different if Toby, mama, or Mookie were the narrator?
Additional Entering 5th Grade Reading Suggestions

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

The Lightning Thief series by Rick Riordan

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The Contest Trilogy by Gordon Korman

The Great Brain by John D. Fitzgerald

The Seekers Series by Eric Hunter

Native America Doctor, the story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Sachar, Louis. *Marvin Redpost Series; Wayside School Series*

Scieszka, Jon. *Time Warp Trio series*

Smith. *Jelly Belly*

**Mystery**

Byars, Betsy. *Disappearing Acts: A Herculeah Jones Mystery*

Christopher, Matt. *Penalty Shot*

Keene, Carolyn. *Nancy Drew Mysteries*

Napoli, Donna Joe. *Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries*

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Spider Kane Mysteries*

Sobol, Donald J. *Encyclopedia Brown series*

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *Boxcar Children series*

Wright. *A Ghost in the Family*

**Poetry**

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. *Lemonade Sun: and Other Summer Poems*

Fleischman, Paul. *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*

Hegley, John. *My Dog Is a Carrot*

Johnston, Tony. *The Ancestors are Singing*

Lansky, Bruce. *A Bad Case of the Giggles*

Prelutsky, Jack. *Something Big Has Been Here*

*Miles of Smiles* (Kids Pick the Funniest Poems Book)

**Biography/Autobiography**

Burleigh, Robert. *Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh*
Coles, Robert. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*

Cooney, Barbara. *Eleanor (Roosevelt)*

Davidson, Margaret. *Helen Keller’s Teacher (Annie Sullivan)*

Kudlinski, Kathleen V. *Rachel Carson: Pioneer Ecology*

Rockwell, Anne. *Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth*

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson*

History Makers Bios series

Stanley, Diane. *Michaelangelo. Who Was...? Series*

*Time for Kids Biography Series*

**General Non-Fiction**

Ashley, John P. *Arithmetickle*

Goodall, Jane. *With Love: Ten Heartwarming Stories of Chimpanzees in the Wild*

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *Balto and the Great Race*

Krull, Kathleen. *Lives of the Athletes*

Lasky, Kathryn. *The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*

Logan, Claudia. *5,000 Year-old Puzzle*

Maestro, Betsy. *A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution*

Rosen, Michael. *Down to Earth*

St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be President?*

Tang, Gregory. *The Grapes of Math*

Winter, Jonah. *Fair Ball! 14 Great Stars from Baseball’s Negro Leagues*

*What Was...? Series*