



# *Welcome to Fifth Grade!*

Congratulations, you are ready for fifth Grade! You have learned many new things in fourth grade, and it is important to continue to practice those skills over the summer. Reading for fun helps you to learn new words and discover new things. Use this summer to build upon what you already know by reading more. It will help you strengthen vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. This summer you will read *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Clear. After reading you will complete the attached comprehension test.

Along with Reading you will also be required to complete Math work. The math practice should be a review of what you learned in fourth grade. Mastering your multiplication facts will also help you sail into fifth grade! Please use the provided answer sheet to write all final answers.

The Math and Reading assignments will be due on September 11th and will be counted as a test for the first marking period in each subject.

I hope you have a wonderful summer filled with fun and adventures with your families. Explore, ask questions, practice your Math and READ, READ, READ!!!

Have a Safe and Happy Summer and I will see you in September!



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# DEAR MR. HENSHAW

## Whole Book Comprehension Test

### A. CHARACTER MATCHING

On the line, write the letter which matches the character to their description.

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| _____ Leigh Botts  | A. A truck driver with a dog companion              |
| _____ Mr. Henshaw  | B. The school custodian who is kind to Leigh        |
| _____ Bill Botts   | C. The first friend that invites Leigh to his house |
| _____ Bonnie Botts | D. Runs away in a snow storm, but is later found    |
| _____ Bandit       | E. Writes a true story for a writing contest        |
| _____ Barry        | F. Well-known author of children's books            |
| _____ Mr. Fridley  | G. Works for Katy's Catering company                |

### B. ORDER OF EVENTS

Number the following events in the order they occurred in the story, from #1 - #8

- \_\_\_\_\_ The winning authors get to meet Mrs. Badger, a published author.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leigh starts answering Mr. Henshaw's questions in a letter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dad tells Leigh that he lost Bandit in a snowstorm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Second-grade student, Leigh Botts, write to Mr. Henshaw.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dad offers to leave Bandit at home with Leigh.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leigh puts a burglar alarm in his lunchbox.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Barry asks for help putting a burglar alarm on his bedroom door.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leigh's true story, A Day on Dad's Rig, wins Honorable Mention.

## C. MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the correct answer choice. Make sure to read all answer choices before choosing.

16. How does Leigh learn how to build an alarm for his lunchbox?

- A. He reads library books.
- B. He gets advice from a man at the hardware store.
- C. Both A & B are correct

17. What does Mr. Fridley ask Leigh to help with?

- A. Looking for retainers in the trash can
- B. Raising the California state flag
- C. Writing a story about his life

18. Why does Leigh start answering Mr. Henshaw's questions?

- A. He really wants to write back quickly.
- B. The T.V. is broken and his Mom says writing is good for his brain.
- C. He will get \$20 for answering them all.

19. What does Leigh do with his book of maps?

- A. Looks at the places where his Dad is driving
- B. Writes stories about the different cities
- C. Uses the back of the maps as writing paper

20. Why does Leigh's Mom not give Dad a second chance?

- A. She was already remarried.
- B. She was dating Mr. Fridley.
- C. Too many lonely nights and waiting for phone calls

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21. What is the title of the first book Leigh reads by Mr. Henshaw?
- A. The Ten-Foot Tall Wax Man
  - B. How to Kill a Moose
  - C. Ways to Amuse a Dog
22. Why does Leigh's family make up songs about a lost shoe?
- A. His Dad always sees one shoe when he's on the road.
  - B. Leigh lost his favorite sneaker.
  - C. Leigh's family loves to be barefoot.
23. How does Leigh improve his writing skills?
- A. He studies his English Grammar book every night.
  - B. He wins first place for a fictional story about his lunchbox.
  - C. He writes in a diary and to Mr. Henshaw.
24. How does Dad apologize for losing Bandit?
- A. He sends Leigh \$20 and a note on a napkin.
  - B. He buys him a new dog.
  - C. He doesn't apologize at all.
25. How does Leigh describe himself?
- A. Sort of medium
  - B. Popular and a class clown
  - C. Tallest boy in his school

## D. SHORT ANSWER RESPONSE

Answers must be written in complete sentences. Make sure to answer all parts of the question.

26. Why does Leigh feel comfortable writing to Mr. Henshaw about his personal life? (5 pts.)

27. What are 2 ways Leigh tries to discover who is stealing his lunch? Do they work? (5 pts.)

28. Summarize the book in 2-3 sentences. Include only the most important details. (15 pts.)