



5th Grade Updates

September 20, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>Sept 26: Picture Day! Sept 26: Book Fair</p> <p>September 28: Fall Welcome at WCA</p> <p>October 9: Field Trip to Museum of the American Indian in Novato (<u>drivers needed!</u>)</p> <p>October 10: Mill Valley Film Festival (buses)</p> <p>October 18 and 21: NO SCHOOL Teacher-Parent Conferences.</p>	<p>SMART: Don't forget to donate to the Willow Creek Foundation's SMART campaign. The SMART campaign raises money annually to bridge the funding gap. This is where we get our classroom budgets for classroom/student supplies, field trips, etc. Donations also support the Art Teacher, Music Teacher, the Librarian and many other important programs that directly benefit our kids.</p> <p>You can donate on-line at www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate or by cash/check in the main office. Every single donation is appreciated. So, please consider giving an amount appropriate to your family. D.O.G. (Day Of Giving) calls are scheduled!</p> <p>PARENT COUNCIL: Check at the front office for dates of meetings. The meetings are a great time to meet community, and learn about education.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your support!</p> <p>*More information about school events in the School-wide Friday post!</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math:

Students have completed their first unit reviewing multiplication 3-digit by 2-digit, division 3 or 4-digit by 2-digit divisor, and order of operations. They took their first unit test on Friday! Next week we will start our new unit on volume of irregular rectangles.

PRACTICE MULTIPLICATION FACTS AT HOME!! Students should know their multiplication facts to 10x10!

**Does your child fluently know their times tables up to 10x10? This baseline knowledge will help with learning more concepts in 5th grade. Here are some websites to help practice:

[Nerdy memorization Video](#)

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Multiplication Game](#)

Science

This week, we explored more about how the pennies changed from dull to shiny. They took those same pennies, placed a few in a bag with the salt and vinegar

solution, and this time added a steel paper clip. We copper plated a steel paper clip became copper plated, proving the theory that there are particles of copper, too small to be seen, dissolved in the solution.

Writing

Students spent energy narrowing down the focus of their narratives. First, we “Picked a Seed” idea from the story ideas they have written in the last two weeks. They identified in their stories “The Big Thing That Happened”, and, using a story arc, detailed what led up to the BGH and then the events that followed. They are increasing the volume of their writing every day.

Reading

We finished reading Tiger Rising, and discussed figurative language, character motivation, and modeled other strategies to increase comprehension while reading independently. Students also practiced silent sustained reading, to continue building stamina and reinforce routines. This week in reading

ELA/Social Studies

We examined theoretical migration routes to North America from Asia. We looked closely at the physical features of the United States, and how those geographical features and the climate together influenced the locations where peoples settled and thrived for thousands of years.

References

Scholastic book orders:

Schmidt code: **HLCDT**

St. Denny code: **MKQPP**

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Website: **Math & Spelling** www.pearsonrealize.com

Login: (firstinitial)(lastname)wca **Example:** jschmidtwca

Password: Wca31 _ _ _ (followed by their student number) **Ex:** Wca31000

Website: **Dreambox** <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

Login: (firstinitial)(lastname)wca **Example:** jschmidtwca

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Website: **Mystery Science** is helping us through our first unit, Chemistry.

Check it out!

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5th Grade Specials:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:35-9:00	10:20-11:10	10:20-11:00

2:20-3:00 P.E.	Library (every other week) 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny) Art (Schmidt)	Music (Schmidt) Art (St. Denny)	P.E.
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