



5th Grade Updates

October 25, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><u>Thursday, October 31:</u> Halloween! Students may come to school in their costumes--we will have in-class celebrations. <u>NO MASKS OR WEAPONS, please!</u></p> <p><u>Friday, November 1:</u> Fun Run!!</p> <p><u>Friday, November 8:</u> The Classroom Museum of Replica Tribal Artifacts.</p>	<p><u>FUNRUN:</u> We Need <u>Fun Run Volunteers and Cheerleaders on Friday, November 1st!</u> Email Sarah Aylward at sarah.g.aylward@gmail.com for details, questions, or if you need help registering.</p> <p>Don't forget to donate to the Willow Creek Foundation's SMART campaign! You can donate online: www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate or by cash/check in the main office.</p>
Appreciations	<p><u>Make sure you check for more details in the school-wide Friday post!</u></p> <p>Typing: Students have accounts on typing.com (connected to their school google accounts) and can practice</p>
<p><i>Thank you</i> to all the parents who came and met with us for Teacher/Parent Conferences!</p> <p><i>Thank you</i> to families for participating in conversations around unification! Mrs. Schmidt is on a committee considering curriculum, if you have any questions, please reach out.</p>	

Pictures



Hawk Hill "Migration Story" Field trip: Students counted raptors and discussed with ornithologists why birds migrate, drawing connections to human migration.

Curriculum Corner

Math:

Continuing our study of fractions, this week we focused on comparing and putting them in order by thinking about which fractions are larger, and which are smaller. Students reasoned about fractions by using their knowledge of benchmark numbers like 0, $\frac{1}{2}$, and 1 and asked "Is the fraction closer to 0, $\frac{1}{2}$, or 1? How do I know?"

Next week, we begin addition and subtraction of fractions using games!

Students need to be fluent with their multiplication facts. Please have your student practice 12x12 facts. Here are a couple of websites:

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Fun4theBrain](#)

Also, because we love math: Log in to PEARSON and watch this video: [Ordering Fractions](#)

Science

We participated in a fabulous field trip to Hawk Hill in the Marin Headlands, and observed raptors through binoculars, played different raptor wing and tail positions and sizes in a game, and considered the story of Migration for these animals. We are weaving the aids and obstacles to their migration into our study of the "Web of Life".

Reading

We are reading different books in small groups. For the next few weeks, we'll be reading historical fiction books that are mostly about pre-Columbian Native American experiences. We meet with small groups twice each week to discuss the book, answer questions, define new words and learn to love to read and discuss our reading. We are reading:

[Sees Behind Trees](#) by Michael Dorris, [Morning Girl](#) by Michael Dorris, [Children of the Longhouse](#) by Joseph Bruchac, [Birchbark Canoe](#) by Louise Erdrich, and [To Spoil the Sun](#), Joyce Rockwood. We began a new read-aloud called [Two Old Women](#) by Velma Wallis to model comprehension skills while reading historical fiction.

ELA/Social Studies

Project time!

Students are working to build a replica historical and cultural artifact in class (they may ask for materials at home) that has significance to the tribe they have been assigned. We are collaborating with Ms. Haberly to make this project great. Keep your ears open for the opening hours of the in-class museum.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

Login: Willow Creek email address --

For most students that is firstinitiallastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

Example: jdoe@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

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

Website: [Dreambox](#)

Login: <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

Username: (firstinitial)(lastname) **Example:** jschmidt

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

Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Our new unit is the Web of Life!

5th Grade Specials:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:20-3:00 P.E.	8:35-9:00 Library (every other week) 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny) Art (Schmidt)	10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt) Art (St. Denny)	10:20-11:00 P.E.

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