



5th Grade Updates

November 22, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>November 25-29: No School-Thanksgiving Week!</p> <p>December 5: Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age at 6:30pm, MPR</p>	<p>Ice Cream Party- Thank you for all the money raised for our Fun Run! Thursday, the entire school earned Three Twins ice cream! Thank you to 5th grade's SARAH AYLWARD for organizing, and passing out the ice cream.</p> <p><u>THANKSGIVING BREAK HOMEWORK:</u> We ask that students do 20 minutes of Dreambox a day. We want students to review/practice multiplication facts 12x12. We also ask they read 30 minutes a day as good habits of life-long readers! Their agendas will be due when they return on Monday.</p> <p>Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age It's a great film for every middle schooler and middle school parent. Truly - schools and communities have shown it all over the country and we are super lucky to have the Director here for discussion.</p>

Aladdin



Aladdin was a great hit! The students performing hit their marks, remembered their lines and the audience was respectful. Special shout out to our own 5th graders **Seline, Audrey M., Delphine, and Ellie** for their stellar performances in front of the school! The next show that is going to be produced will be a version of Willy Wonka - we look forward to 5th grade's participation in that as well!!

Curriculum Corner

Math:

We ended our third unit on adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators! The Common Core standard for 5th grade is to be able to add and

subtract fractions with visuals, while in 6th grade, it is without visuals. Later in this school year, students will multiply and divide fractions.

In Unit 4, we started MULTIPLICATION again. We taught the STANDARD ALGORITHM - you'll be able to help your students now! We connected it to the other methods they learned, so students understand the process of the standard algorithm, why it works, and how mathematicians choose the most efficient/concise ways to solve problems.

Fractions will still be part of homework, as review, and that way we can shore up skills even as we are learning multiplication of larger numbers.

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Multiplication Games](#)

Science

This week we have been learning about the possible answers to this question: Why do you need to clean a fish tank, but not a fish pond?

We had an assessment on the Web Of Life Mystery on Thursday. The complicated answers have to do with having a balanced ECOSYSTEM in a pond, but not in a tank. In the ECOSYSTEM, there must be producers, consumers and decomposers to cycle matter through, balance carbon dioxide levels, and support all life.

Reading

Our historical book clubs will come to an end this week. After break, we will begin new book circles focusing on learning skills needed for reading non-fiction. Think: Captions, headings, structure of text, and so on. This will help them become researchers for their Colonial Projects!

ELA/Social Studies

The next historical era we study is the "Age of Exploration", starting with Columbus and many other famous explorers. Since exploring implies finding something peacefully, which Columbus and his ilk didn't do, the students came up with different terms: "takers" or "conquerors". We read part of a chapter from Howard Zinn's adapted book A Young People's History of the United States about Columbus and his spark for others to come to the "new world". The 3 G's that motivated Europeans were: Gold, Glory, and God. We traced routes and discussed the devastating impact of diseases on the Native populations of North and South America. This sets the stage for studying about the first colonies of the United States.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

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Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Web of Life!

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5th Grade Specials:

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