



5th Grade Updates

January 17, 2020

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><u>Jan. 20: No School</u> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <i>MLK Celebration at Manzanita Rec Center 10am-2:30pm</i></p> <p><u>Jan. 24:</u> VoiceOver Showcase <i>(tentatively 9:30-10:30am in the MPR)</i></p> <p><u>Jan 27-31:</u> MAP testing window</p> <p><u>February 12:</u> 5-7pm Black History Month Celebration w/BMLK cafeteria <i>Dinner provided</i></p> <p><u>February 17-21:</u> Mid Winter Break</p> <p>Colonial Night...TBA February</p>	<p>Please consider having MLK Day on Monday be a “day on” by participating in an event that celebrates the work and life of Martin Luther King, jr. There is an event <i>just like this</i> in Marin City on Monday Morning starting at 10:00 am.</p> <p>Students will be showcasing their experiences with <u>VoiceOver</u> program January 24th, all families are welcome! We need 4 parent volunteers who can stick around after assembly to help Manny set up the MPR. Thank you!</p> <p>5th Grade will be presenting at morning assemblies during February. The value of the month is INCLUSION, and we will be focusing on Black History Month.</p> <p>5th Grade will be included in BMLK’s evening celebration of Black History! Our classes will be presenting and families are encouraged to attend. A separate email will go out for a food headcount. Please respond asap!</p> <p>Look at the School-wide Friday Post for all the details.</p> <p>There are a few 5th grade girls and boys on the SMCS D Basketball teams! They are amazing! Check the School-wide Friday Post for all the game times and locations and come out and support out students!</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math:

This week we have been learning about graphs, and observing that the steepness of a line represents rate of growth. We began analyzing geometric patterns in perimeter and area. We asked, “For a rectangle with a given number of rows, as well as a given number of centimeters in each row, how can we make a rule to show the change in perimeter/area?”

Science

New Unit: Sea Level Rise! Students are studying the effects of climate change in their local community. This week, we learned what a “System” is, and participated in analysis of images from local flooding events.

Writing

This week we began researching our Colonial Character Projects. Students will be focusing on the life and times of a particular person (real or created) in a *real* colony during the 17th Century. We are learning research skills, primary source analysis, organizing information and how to write history that makes people say, “WOW”.

Reading

In connection to our informational writing, we are reading and working on skills related to non-fiction texts. We are using ReadWorks, an on-line program, to help support students reading of non-fiction. They can log in through their Google Classroom accounts.

ELA/Social Studies

This week, we worked on learning about the Mercantilism System (Good for England, bad for the Colonies) and Trades in the Colonies. Students attended a field trip to the De Young Museum to “read” colonial paintings to understand their lives/values. Ms. St. Denny’s class was able to sneak in to the “Soul of a Nation” exhibit to see some powerful works about the Black Power movement in the 1960-1980s, tying together colonial slavery’s impact on issues of today.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

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

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[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Multiplication Games](#)

Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Watery Planet! (We are only using parts of this Mystery Science Unit in class)

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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)		