



5th Grade Updates

January 31, 2020

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>February 12: 5-7pm Black History Month Celebration w/BMLK cafeteria <i>Dinner provided</i></p> <p>February 17-21: Mid Winter Break</p> <p>Colonial Night...TBA February</p>	<p>5th Grade did an amazing job pushing themselves to show their best work on their MAP tests. These tests help inform our instruction, track progress, and give us real time feedback.</p> <p>WCA Survey: It is important that all the voices in our community get heard - we all count. If you haven't taken the quick survey, please do! Here is the link: Family survey</p> <p>The SMCS D Unification task force also sent out a survey. Please fill it out and share your input: Unification Survey</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. Ms. Schmidt's class will present the first week, Ms. St. Denny's class the following week.</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 has gone out for a food headcount. Please respond asap!</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:

We began Unit 6 "Between 0 and 1" where students made fraction and decimal equivalents such as $0.465 = 465/1000$. They compared decimals, making sure to have common place values, like when we compare .28 & .208, we can compare equivalent decimals .280 & .208 just like we make sure fractions have a common denominator. Students also ordered decimals on a numberline. Next week we will start adding fractions up to the thousandths.

Science

We looked at graphs and how they share a story or pattern about what is happening with sea level rise. We also used maps to discover the distribution of water on earth. Many students were shocked that only 3% of water is fresh water mostly it is either frozen or underground. Less than 1% is useable water that supports human and all other life on land!

ELA/SS/Writing

This week we continued 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. Or, Classcode::RBA3ZP

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

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

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

Website: [Dreambox](https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca) <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

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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
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.