



5th Grade Updates

Friday, March 13th, 2020

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><u>Parents // Students</u></p> <p>March 17: 5:30 - 6:30 Parent Orientation night for OUTDOOR SCHOOL.</p> <p>March 20 & 23: No school</p> <p>March 20 : Conferences</p> <p>March 27: ½ day sail on the Matthew Turner</p> <p>March 27-28: In-Classroom Overnight! (Mark your calendars!) Chaperones required - 2 per class!</p> <p>March 28: Parent Gala!</p> <p>March 30- April 3: Life Science Unit</p> <p>April 1 - Alvin Ailey Dance at Zellerbach Hall, CAL in Berkeley</p> <p>April 6-10: Spring Break</p> <p>April 19 - Global Summit @ Mill Valley Middle School (See SCIENCE, below)</p> <p>May 19-22: Outdoor School (Mark your calendars!!)</p>	<p><u>Dear Parents:</u> We at school care deeply for your health, that of your children and your families.</p> <p><u>SCHOOL IS STILL IN SESSION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● In the event of a school shut down, here is what we are working on:● <u>On-line access</u> to lessons, materials and videos so that we can continue to teach your students.● Making <u>videos</u> of ourselves teaching lessons (if needed) so students can watch at home● Making sure that students who do not have <u>access to WiFi or devices</u> are equipped to participate with the class doing temporary 'on-line' learning.● Scheduling small book group meetings to have virtual meetings. <p>IMPORTANT: IN THE EVENT OF A SHUTDOWN: <u>The work we will be preparing for students to do is not optional.</u> It will be due on a scheduled basis, and will not be able to be completed the day before school resumes.</p> <p><u>TOURS OF Bayside-MLK: Sign up to see what the other strong school in our District is up to: sign up genius</u></p> <p><u>Parent Volunteers:</u></p> <p>Volunteers needed for: <u>March 27th</u> - we need three chaperones from each class for the sail aboard the Matthew Turner 8:15-12:30 <u>March 27th</u> - we need parent chaperones to stay at school with us for our in-class overnight - 2 men and 2 women (yes, the Teachers will be there.) <u>April 1</u> - we need drivers to Alvin Ailey, leaving at 10:30.</p> <p><u>In-classroom Overnight, 3/27:</u> As a way to prepare students and families for being apart for our 4-day Outdoor School, we spend the night at school. We will be playing games outside, having a bonfire on campus, and sleeping in the classrooms! We need chaperones to spend the night, at least 2 male for the boys room and 2 female for the girls room. Please let your classroom parent know whether you can be there!</p> <p>Exploring New Horizons: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are going to Outdoor School from May 19-22 Parent drivers are integral to keeping costs down (saving our</p>

school over \$5,000!) **Please consider driving students down or picking up.** Thank you!!

Curriculum Corner

Math:

This week we focused on dividing with fractions. We solved fractions divided by whole numbers, whole numbers divided by fractions, and two whole numbers divided by each other to equal a fraction. Students made conjectures about the dividend being the numerator and the divisor being the denominator. Next week, students will use a calculator to make a table of fraction/decimal equivalents. Here is a [video!](#)

Science

We are starting to put together our Global Summit Science projects. Using guidelines prepared by the Mill Valley Middle School, we are participating in this summit by creating exhibitions that will demonstrate ideas for protecting against local sea level rise. The Global Summit is on Sunday, APRIL 19th, and I hope to have students from the class attend, hear a speaker, and be prepared to present their ideas to review teams!

ELA/SS Unit 3: The Road to Revolution

We are learning the many causes that lead up to the American Revolution. We are using the study of the Revolution as an opportunity to read closely about the different perspectives the Loyalists and the Patriots had, as well as the points of view of the many different groups of people already living here. Next week, we hope to hold a debate!

Writing :Argument Essay

We are writing an Argument Essay. We are learning how to make a claim, take a side, and then read deeply for information to either support or counter our claim. We also interviewed the other students in grades k-4 here at school, to see whether they might prefer chocolate milk.

Reading

Small group and individualized reading has begun. We'll read a variety of differentiated texts in each group as we look for evidence to support our chocolate milk arguments, as well as reading to enhance our understanding of events that lead to the American Revolution.

We are still using [ReadWorks](#), an on-line program, to help support students reading of non-fiction. They can log in through their Google Classroom accounts.

Schmidt Classcode: **RBA3ZP**

St. Denny Classcode: **YCSVZW**

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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Password: 77476 (for iPad)

[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.