



5th Grade Updates

October 5, 2018

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>October 8-11: Ms. St. Denny is out for GLAD training.</p> <p>October 9: Mill Valley Film Festival: <i>The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales</i> -Students will take a bus to the Smith Rafael Film Center, leaving at 9:45 -We come back by 12:45 for lunch picnic outside.</p> <p>October 9: Mark Harrison, a member of the Cherokee nation is coming to teach the students stick ball in the afternoon!</p> <p>October 19 & 22: NO SCHOOL-Conferences **Please check in with your student's teacher to schedule a time to meet!**</p>	<p>Thank you in advance to parents for volunteering in the classroom, chaperoning, and making popcorn!</p> <p>Don't forget to donate to the Willow Creek Foundation's SMART campaign! The SMART campaign raises money annually to bridge the funding gap. This is where we get our classroom budgets for classroom/student supplies, field trips, etc. Donations also support the Art Teacher, Music Teacher, the Librarian and many other important programs that directly benefit our kids.</p> <p>You can donate on-line at www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate or by cash/check in the main office. Every single donation is appreciated. So, please consider giving an amount appropriate to your family. D.O.G. (Day Of Giving) calls are scheduled!.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your support!</p> <p><u>PARENT COUNCIL:</u> Check at the front office for dates of meetings. The meetings are a great time to meet community, and learn about education.</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math: 3-D

Students did well on their first volume quiz! They demonstrated that they have a basic understanding of how to find the volume of a rectangular prism. This week we combined volumes to find the volume of irregular rectangular prisms. This proved more challenging: there are several dimensions, and they must determine which dimensions are needed for determining volume. We learned two formulas for determining volume: $v=b \times h$ and $v=w \times l \times h$.

Next week we are working with cubic units and measurement notation.

We are putting back in a request to practice multiplication facts:

https://www.mathplayground.com/multiplication_blocks.html

Science

This week we asked "What's the difference between physical changes and chemical changes"? We redefined matter, mass, volume, discussed changes in properties and states of matter. We combined substances to determine whether there was a chemical reaction, and recorded our data and models in our science notebooks.

Writing

In writing this week, we finished up a bend (our word for 'unit' in writing). This means that we took a *seed idea* and developed it into a story. Students are focusing on *volume, elaboration, structure and craft* in their stories. We are focusing on process, not product. A finished work may have post-its and revisions all over it, but it will be a stronger (if not prettier) piece of writing. Next week, we take a break from writing, and focus on reading.

ELA/Social Studies

Students learned about the different regions of North America. Different groups studied the Pacific coast, southwest, eastern woodlands, the plains, and southeast. to learn more about the resources and economy of those regions.

Library

In 5th grade, classes go to the library every other week, instead of weekly as in previous years. This week, Ms. St. Denny's class checked out library for the first time this year. Students are allowed to take out two books. IF YOU STILL HAVE BOOKS from last year, return them so your students can take out new books! Thanks from Ms Bowman.

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

New Website: [Mystery Science](#) is helping us through our first unit, Chemistry. Check it out!

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5th Grade Specials:

Tues: P.E. 2:20-3:00	Weds: 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny), Art (Schmidt)	Thurs: 10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt), Art (St. Denny)	Friday : P.E. 10:20-11:00
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