



5th Grade Updates

January 18, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>January 21st: NO SCHOOL- MLK Day There is a celebration in Marin City from 10:00-2:30.</p> <p>January 29th: Colonial Night @5pm in the MPR.</p>  Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for details. Ms. St Denny's class will present 5-6, Potluck Dinner 6-6:30 Mrs Schmidt class will present 6:30-7:30. We will begin on time, to respect everyone's delicate weeknight schedules. <p style="text-align: center;">HOW CAN YOU HELP??</p> <p>Stacey Ward Turko sent out a SIGN UP GENIUS Colonial night sign up</p>	<p>Integrity is the character trait of the month. We have been focusing on the meaning as follows: Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching!</p> <p>Changes in HOMEWORK: Geography is off the homework calendar! We are switching Friday geography quizzes to math drills. We noticed there is a big need for multiplication fact practice. We want our students to be well prepared for middle school and are prioritizing this. Reading: The students started a new literature circle book and they might have reading or packet work assigned based on what they finish in class. The 50 minutes of homework is broken down like this:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 minutes: Math 20 minutes: Reading 10 minutes: Writing</p>

Curriculum Corner
<p>Math: This week we have been analyzing geometric patterns in perimeter and area as a rectangular array rows. We asked, "For a rectangle with a given number of rows, how can we make a rule to show the change in perimeter/area? What will the graph look like as the number of rows increases?"</p> <p>Science Using an area map of the surface of the Earth, we graphed how much salt vs. Frozen Fresh vs. Fresh water there is. Students were astonished that the amount of usable fresh water is only .3% of the water on earth! We circled back to our question: What caused the Dust Bowl? And continued to work on understanding the connections between the Earth's Spheres.</p> <p>Reading In class, we are reading books that take place between 1600-1745 in the US. They are mostly historical fiction: <u>Indian Captive (true story)</u>, <u>Chains</u>, <u>Arrow Over the Door</u>, <u>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</u>, <u>The Sign of the Beaver</u>, <u>Blood on the River</u>, and <u>The Color of Fire</u>. These novels will expose the students to 'colonial life and times' stories, which will help students imagine what life was like for the colonial character.</p> <p>Writing</p>

We are in the third bend of our Writers Workshop unit on Informational Writing. Students have created a Colonial Character through writing about them in the third or first person. Students are telling the story of that character -- their family, why they came to the Colony, what their 'trade' or 'role' is there. This will, in two weeks' time lead us to Colonial Night, where students will perform a piece based on their character.

ELA/Social Studies - Unit 2: Colonization of North America

Students will research the 'day in the life' of their colonial character using their own writing as a resource! Social Studies and writing are aligned this week. This culminating project will be a performance a speech as their character.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

Login: Willow Creek email address --

For most students that is [firstinitiallastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@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

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Multiplication Games](#)

Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Our current unit is Watery Planet!

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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.