



5th Grade Updates

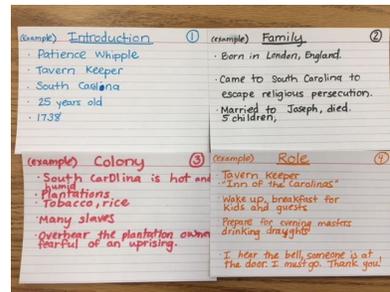
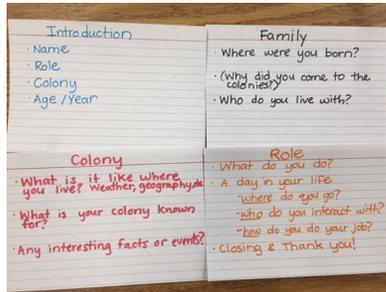
January 25, 2019

| Exciting Events | Willow Creek Community |
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| <p>January 29th: Colonial Night @5pm in the MPR.</p>  Please mark your calendar! <p>5:00-6:00 Ms. St Denny's class will present 6:00-6:30 Potluck Dinner Everyone 6:30-7:30 Mrs Schmidt's class will present</p> <p>We will begin on time, to respect everyone's delicate weeknight schedules.</p> <p>HOW CAN YOU HELP??</p> <p>We still need helpers for Colonial Night! -everything from set up/clean up to bringing food.</p> <p>SIGN UP HERE: 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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>30 minutes: Math 20 minutes: Reading</p> |

| Curriculum Corner |
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| <p>Math: This week we plotted graphs following growth of imaginary animals and growing sets of squares to observe patterns in growth, and then drawn and analyzed graphs to see which type of line indicates what patterns in growth. They learned about steady rates of change that made a straight line and growing rates of change that created a curved line. Today, Friday, we finished the unit with an assessment.</p> <p>Science Now that we know how little fresh water there is on Earth, we wondered: How does that water get to the tap? Where does it actually come from? What is an AQUIFER? Next week, we'll play a game where they are creating a village looking for clues indicating a water source and circle back to our question: What caused the Dust Bowl? And continue 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: Indian Captive (true story), Chains, Arrow Over the Door, The Witch of Blackbird Pond, The Sign of the Beaver, Blood on the River, and The Color of Fire. 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> |

The monologue is coming on Tuesday, January 25th! Students have been working with Hannah, from Marin Theatre Company, on voice projection, body language and characterization so that they can really be their colonial character on Tuesday night! It has been great fun playing theatre games, and really noticing one another's stage persona.

OUR writing unit has generated three types of writing: An informational essay about a colony, a personal story or journal about a character, and finally a monologue, to be delivered in character! The cards below are what the students will use on stage as they deliver their monologue - not meant to be an entire script, but really notes for the students to use to remind them of what they will say. This will keep students heads up, and delivery and presentation skills front and center!



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:

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Example: jdoe@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

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[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 |
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| 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. |