



5th Grade Updates

October 25, 2018

| Exciting Events and Thank yous | Willow Creek Community |
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| <p><i>It has been a great and rich week, and we enjoyed meeting with you about your students.</i></p> <p><i>Taking the time to meet together gives us a chance to create a team (parents/teachers) who can coach and support every possible success for your kiddos!</i></p> <p>October 31: Halloween; no costumes before lunch, and no time for a parade this year :(What a lot of NO! :(</p> <p>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 : The Museum of Tribal Artifacts will be open from 8:35-9:00 in your students' room. Please come by and learn about Native American history, and see for yourself the differences among tribes and their cultures.</p> <p>November 2: Fun Run! Times for running are not confirmed, but we run around 10:30-11:30. <u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:</u> Contact Staceyaward@hotmail.com, for Mrs Schmidt's class, or patriciaredeington@yahoo.com for Ms. St. Denny's class.</p> | <p>This week fundraising is all about the FUNRUN - 5th grade tops the charts in terms of getting donations, with MS. ST. DENNY'S CLASS way in the lead! Way to go, 5th!</p> <p>If you haven't registered, or have questions: sarah.g.aylward@gmail.com</p> <p>PARENT COUNCIL: 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 |
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| <p>Math:</p> <p>Continuing our study of fractions, this week we focused on ordering them - we played card games and practiced, practiced, practiced! We can compare fractions when we find <u>Common denominators</u>. To find common denominators find the Least Common Multiple of the denominators (which is called the Least Common Denominator). Change each fraction (using equivalent fractions) to make their denominators the same as the least common denominator.</p> <p>Got it?</p> |

To prepare for finding common denominators, students need to be fluent with their multiplication facts. Please have your student practice 12x12 facts. Here are a couple of websites:

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)
[Multiplication Games](#)

Also, because we love math: Log in to PEARSON and watch this video: [Ordering Fractions](#)

Another way to find it: Go to Pearson, using the log in onformation you have.....The video is under Tools -> Math Words and Ideas -> Fractions -> Comparing and Ordering Fractions.

Science

Thursday we started a new unit: Web Of Life. We asked: **Can wolves change the course of a river?** We defined some key words for this unit, and played a food chain card game. (But didn't answer the question!)

Reading

We are reading 5 different books in small groups. For the next few weeks, we'll be reading historical fiction books that are mostly about pre-Columbian Native American experiences. We meet with small groups twice each week to discuss the book, answer questions, define new words and learn to love to read and discuss our reading. We are reading:

[Sees Behind Trees](#), by Michael Dorris, [Morning Girl](#), Michael Dorris, [Children of the Longhouse](#), Joseph Bruchac, [Birchbark Canoe](#), Louise Erdrich, and [To Spoil the Sun](#), Joyce Rockwood.

ELA/Social Studies

Project time!

Students are working to build an historical and cultural artifact in class (they may ask for materials at home) that has significance to the tribe they have been assigned. We are collaborating with Ms. Haberly to make this project great.

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

Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Our next unit will be the Web of Life!

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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. |