



5th Grade Updates

October 11, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>October 14: Museum of the American Indian in Novato. Schmidt 8:30-12:00 St. Denny 11:30-3:00</p> <p>October 15: Guest speaker about Hawk Hill!</p> <p>October 18 & 21: NO SCHOOL Teacher/Parent Conferences **Please check in with your student's teacher to schedule a time to meet!**</p>	<p>Wednesday was exciting! A "Fire Day" - our first ever. We hope that everyone was able to stay busy and safe.</p> <p>MofAI Field Trip: We have rescheduled our field trip to the Museum of the American Indian for Monday, October 14th. The trip will be ½ day for each class - Mrs Schmidt will go in the morning, and Ms. St. Denny will go in the afternoon, but We need drivers! Please let the teacher or room mom know if you can do it!</p> <p><i>Thanks to all the parents who chaperoned our field trip to the Mill Valley Film Festival!</i></p> <p><i>Thanks to Bettina Ferrando, who brought in popcorn for <u>all</u> the students!!</i></p> <p>Don't forget to donate to the Willow Creek Foundation's SMART campaign! You can donate online: www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate or by cash/check in the main office.</p>

Curriculum Corner
<p><u>Math: Volume</u> During the week, we built models of cubic inches, feet and yards and centimeters and meters, and then we calculated the volume of our classrooms. On Friday, students took a quiz on volume. We learned two formulas for determining volume: $v = b \times h$ and $v = w \times l \times h$, and also the notations for cubic measurement: cubic units or or cubic units or units³ Next week, we are starting Unit 3 on fractions. We will find equivalent, order, and compare and eventually add and subtract fractions.</p> <p><u>Science</u> On Monday, we had an assessment that covered the understandings and vocabulary from our unit on Chemistry. <i>We made Pancakes!</i> Students worked in groups to create a recipe for pancakes. They made two attempts at crafting a recipe for a perfect pancake. Their success depended on their ability to recall the chemical interactions that happened in the experiments we conducted. Their recipe needed to be a chemical system that made pancakes with all the ideal properties we listed at the start of the unit. Yum!</p> <p><i>Next week, we begin our study of hawk, as we launch the unit on Ecosystems called "Web of Life".</i></p> <p><u>Writing</u> In writing this week, we finished up a bend (our word for 'unit' in writing). This means that we took a <i>seed idea</i> and developed it into a story. Students are focusing on <i>volume</i>,</p>

elaboration, paragraphs 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. Many students chose to type their final drafts, so there will be a nice looking finished product.

Next week, we take a break from writing, and begin to read historical fiction. We will have guided reading in small literacy circles, as well as use study guides to aid focus and comprehension.

ELA/Social Studies

We had a visit on Tuesday afternoon from **Mark Harrison**, a member of the Cherokee Nation. He brought with him many artifacts from Cherokee life, and shared them with the students - his prayer feathers, a turtle shell rattle, a drum, bows and arrows. We heard a famous Cherokee storyteller, Richard Lewis, tell a story about "How Fire Came To Be". Then we played stickball - ask your students!

References & Links

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

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

Science:

Mystery Science is helping us through science. Check it out!

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5th Grade Specials:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:20-3:00	8:35-9:00 Library (every other week)	10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt) Art (St. Denny)	10:20-11:00 P.E.

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