



5th Grade Updates

October 4, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>October 8: Guest Speaker! Mark Harrison of the Cherokee Nation</p> <p>October 9: Field Trip to Museum of the American Indian in Novato (drivers needed!)</p> <p>October 10: Mill Valley Film Festival (buses)</p> <p>October 18 and 21: NO SCHOOL Teacher-Parent Conferences. <i>(Look for paper sign ups!)</i></p>	<p>SMART: 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. 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>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> <p>Thank you so much for your support!</p> <p>*More information about school events in the School-wide Friday post!</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math:

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.

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

Students continued to add to their true narratives by assessing the heart or message of the story, the story arc, and elaborating on important parts. Next week, students will finish their "sloppy draft" and start a new draft for publishing.

Reading

Ms. Schmidt and Ms. St. Denny had a substitute for 2 days this week to pull students for individual reading tests (Fountas and Pinell). We have found this to be a valuable addition to computerized scores. We enjoyed spending one-on-one time reading and having conversations about books! This will guide us in creating book groups, or literature circles, next week.

ELA/Social Studies

Students learned about the different geographic 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.

References

Scholastic book orders:

Schmidt code: **HLCDT**

St. Denny code: **MKQPP**

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Website: **Math & Spelling** www.pearsonrealize.com

Login: (firstinitial)(lastname)wca **Example:** jschmidtwca

Password: Wca31 _ _ _ (followed by their student number) **Ex:** Wca31000

Website: **Dreambox** <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

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PRACTICE MULTIPLICATION FACTS AT HOME!!

[Nerdy memorization Video](#)

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Fun4thebrain \(games\)](#)

Website: **Mystery Science** is helping us through our first unit, Chemistry.

Check it out!

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5th Grade Specials:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:35-9:00 Library (every other week)	10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt) Art (St. Denny)	10:20-11:00 P.E.
2:20-3:00 P.E.	1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny) Art (Schmidt)		