



5th Grade Updates

February 1, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>February 7: You might consider attending: LCAP planning meeting at 6:30 in the library.</p> <p>Here is why: <u>This is the annual meeting where we gather together to give feedback, prioritize and share ideas related to the funding decisions Tara will be making for next year. Of course, your evening time is quite precious, so no pressure! But just know that we'd love to have you.</u></p> <p>February 15: Friendship Party (low-key Valentine's Day) 2-3pm</p> <p>February 18-22: Mid-Winter Break</p>	<p><u>Colonial Night Wrap Up:</u> Thank you everyone for coming to Colonial night on Tuesday!!</p> <p>Room Parents, Stacey and Patricia: Thank you for coordinating a beautiful potluck dinner, and to all the parents who came to see the kids perform -- They are SO proud of their accomplishment and they could not have done it without you!</p> <p>The life skill of the month of February is Tolerance.</p> <p>We are not having a party on Valentine's Day</p> <p>Please complete the annual Parent Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCA201819</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math:

NEW UNIT: This week we started DECIMALS. Here is a good definition of decimal: a fraction whose denominator is a power of ten and whose numerator is expressed by figures placed to the right of a decimal point. We are working on ordering decimals, comparing them to fractions and understanding the place value system to the *right* of the decimal point at tenths, hundredths, thousandths and so on.

Science

This week, after exploring what an aquifer is, we played a game where they went looking for clues that would indicate a water source, and then they had to decide where to build a town and dig a well! At the end of each lesson, we always circle back to our big question -What caused the Dust Bowl?

Reading

We continue to read in class, and will begin reading biographies. We are learning how to understand history from biographical texts. In class, we continue to read 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.

ELA/Social Studies - Unit 3: The Road to Revolution

The American Revolution, here we come!! We began to lay the groundwork for the causes that lead up to the American Revolution. Everything from the other European powers wanting land, to the Colonists not wanting to be under British control any more (let alone pay them taxes, and be told that they weren't allowed to past the Appalachian Mountains. We defined some keywords for the Revolution - revolt, Partiot, Loyalist, rebel, Minuteman. We'll be doing projects, reading and researching the Revolution, and talking about which side you might have taken if you were there at the time.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

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For most students that is firstinitiallastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

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

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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
	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)		