



5th Grade Updates

February 15, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>Have a great Break!</p> <p>NO SCHOOL February 18-22: Mid-Winter Break</p> <p><u>Some things to look forward to:</u> March 12: MMWD fieldtrip We take a bus -- no drivers needed! March 13-20: MAP testing March 19: Life Science Info Night, 6:00pm March 22 & 25: No school-Conferences March 26th: Outdoor School Info Night, 6:00pm March 29-30: In-Classroom Overnight! (Mark your calendars!) April 1-5: Life Science Unit May 21-25 Outdoor School (Mark your calendars!)</p>	<p>The life skill of the month of February is Tolerance.</p> <p>Please complete the annual Parent Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCA201819</p> <p>Exploring New Horizons: Our 4-day Outdoor School (near Pescadero, CA) is coming to share all the information you need to know, and answer all the questions you have. This is the main info meeting so it is very important! Please plan on attending 3/26 at 6:00pm. Parent drivers are integral to keeping costs down (saving our school over \$5,000!) Please consider driving students down or picking up. Thank you!!</p> <p><u>In-classroom Overnight:</u> As a way to prepare students and families for being apart for our 4-day Outdoor School, we spend the night at school. We will be playing games outside, having a bonfire on campus, and sleeping in the classrooms! We need chaperones to spend the night, at least 2 male for the boys room and 2 female for the girls room. Please let your classroom parent know whether you can be there!</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math:

This week we continued our work with DECIMALS, including those which are preceded by a whole number (68.125). We focused on PLACE VALUE after the decimal point, learning about tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We began adding and subtracting decimals, and played a few games using hundred and thousand grids to help visualize the properties of decimals.

Applied practice: You can add up or compare the cost of groceries, track the rainfall in inches, and even talk about the different speeds of runners during a race!

Science

This week we finished up our study of the hydrosphere, and how it interacts with the other spheres during weather events like a drought. Evaporation, condensation, precipitation, run off, aquifer, are some of the vocabulary words we used.

Reading

READ, READ, READ! In preparation of the reading load in middle school, 5th graders set a new goal of reading 1 book at their level per week! We are dedicating 15-20 minutes daily in class time and beefing up reading homework to at least 30 minutes to help reach this goal. In class we are reading aloud,

Students continue to read historical fiction during the early colonial period: 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.

We are reading a book aloud called, My Brother Sam is Dead, by John Lincoln Collier, about a young boy whose Father is a Loyalist, and whose brother is a Patriot. This book will give some insight into the many different sides there were in pre-Revolutionary days.

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

This week we began to consider what were the ideals and principles behind the Declaration of Independence. How did the Founding Fathers see the injustices and unfairness of how they were being treated and incorporate them into the Declaration? We looked at the actual Declaration itself, did a sort with cards, and considered which grievances fit into these ideals: 1) All men are created equal, The Rights to 1) Life, 2) Liberty and 3) the Pursuit of Happiness.

We watched some of John Adams (the Amazon Series -- it's GREAT!), and a bit of a History channel documentary called, "The History of US". 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- READ! FOR THIRTY MINUTES A DAY!!!

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

Login: Willow Creek email address --

For most students that is [firstinitiallastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@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

[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
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.