



# 5th Grade Updates

March 15, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><b><u>Some things to look forward to:</u></b></p> <p><b>March 18-20:</b> MAP testing make-up</p> <p><b>March 19:</b> Life Science Info Night at 6:00pm</p> <p><b>March 22 &amp; 25:</b> No school-Conferences</p> <p><b>March 26:</b> Outdoor School Info Night at 6:00pm</p> <p><b>March 29-30:</b> In-Classroom Overnight!</p> <p><b>March 30:</b> Willow Creek Gala!</p> <p><b>April 1-5:</b> Life Science Unit</p> <p><b>May 21-25</b> Outdoor School! (Mark your calendars!)</p>	<p><b>In-classroom Overnight:</b> We need <b>two FEMALE</b> chaperones from Ms. St. Denny's class to spend the night. Thank you to the two male parents from Ms. Schmidt's class who stepped up. Please let Ms. St. Denny or Patricia know whether you can be there! An email went out about what to pack, pick up, and how to sign up for food. Thank you!</p> <p><b>Exploring New Horizons:</b> Our Outdoor School (near Pescadero, CA) is coming to share all the information you need to know, and answer all the questions you have. <b>This is the only info meeting so it is very important you attend!</b> Please plan on attending <b>3/26 at 6:00pm</b>. Parent drivers are integral to keeping costs down (saving our school over \$5,000!) <b>Please consider driving students down or picking up.</b> We will have sign ups at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Will you send this to Erin?</b></p>

## Curriculum Corner

### **Math**

Math this week focused on dividing with fractions. We solved fractions divided by whole numbers, whole numbers divided by fractions, and two whole numbers divided by each other to equal a fraction. Students made conjectures about the dividend being the numerator and the divisor being the denominator. Students also used a calculator to make a table fraction/decimal equivalents.

### **Science**

This week we continued to puzzle about our Earth's place in the universe, as well as continue to model more specific information about how the position of the sun can tell you the seasons. Next week, we will look at how the stars tell you the seasons.

We did have a special visit from 6th graders, who told us about Climate Change. The 5th grade students had many interesting ideas about climate change, as well as solutions and ideas, including solar and wind powered cars.

### **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. We are continuing our read 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 illustrates the many different sides there were in Revolutionary days.

**ELA/Social Studies - Unit 3: Revolution and Constitution**

We took a break from the Constitution for MAP testing this week. There are only a few more lessons left on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We expect to wrap it up before Spring Break!

**References**

**LINK TO HOMEWORK AGENDA:** [Homework Calendar](#)

**Math:**

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**Science:**

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Our current unit is Spaceship Earth!

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**5th Grade Specials:**

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