



# 5th Grade Updates

September 7, 2018

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><b><u>Sept 10-14:</u></b> <b>MAP testing 8:45-10:00</b></p>	<p>Please send your students on time, fully rested, with full stomachs to school next week. We will be <b>MAP testing</b> in Reading and Math to get beginning of the year information!</p> <p>Thank you to those who came to <b>Back to School Night</b> and if you missed it, here's the info: <a href="#">Back to School Night Powerpoint</a></p>

## Curriculum Corner

### **Math**

We continued practicing multiplication by showing and naming as many strategies as we could. Methods students came up with included making a box array, distribution, decomposing one factor in tens and ones, rounding and adjusting, and the U.S. standard algorithm. They also practiced multiplying by 10s in a game called Multiplication Compare. If they know their facts to 10X10 fluently, this will help them multiply large numbers

**PRACTICE MULTIPLICATION FACTS AT HOME!! DRILL!! Students should know their multiplication facts to 10x10!**

### **Science**

YUMMY Science! This week, students explored a phenomenon of making an ideal pancake. They made iterations of proportions to make the best recipe. They studied the properties of the chemical reactions like changes in appearance, taste, and feel. They charted their findings, and paid attention to how scientists study simple occurrences. This exploration leads into the start of our Chemistry unit.

### **Writing**

Students wrote an “on-demand” personal narrative this week. We will use this to gauge what writing skills students are coming in with and compare after the narrative unit for growth.

### **Growth Mindset**

This was our last week of examining what it means to have a growth mindset - In a **growth mindset**, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed



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through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Learning from failure is one of the cornerstones of the mindset. Here's a little [video](#) for you.

## References

### [Homework Calendar Link](#)

Website: [Math](#)

Login: Willow Creek email address --

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

**Example:** jdoe@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

Password: fifth12345

Website: [Dreambox](#)

Login: <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

Username: firstinitiallastname (jschmidt)

Password: Wca followed by their student number (31 \_ \_ \_) **Ex:** Wca31000

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### **5th Grade Specials:**

Tuesday: 2:20-3:00 P.E.

Wednesday: 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny), Art (Schmidt )

Thursday: 10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt), Art (St. Denny)

Friday : 10:20-11:00 P.E.