



5th Grade Updates

September 13, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>September 14: Trade Feast - Saturday at the Museum of the American Indian in Novato. Trade Feast at MAI</p> <p>September 21: Fall Welcome at WCA</p> <p>**October 18 and 21: **Correction from last week The is NO SCHOOL on this Friday/Monday. There are Teacher/Parent Conferences.</p>	<p><u>PARENT COUNCIL</u>: Check at the front office for dates of meetings . The meetings are a great time to meet community, and learn about education.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Thank you so much for your support!</p> <p>Thank you to those who came to Back to School Night and if you missed it, here's the info: Back to School Night Powerpoint</p>

Curriculum Corner
<p><u>Math:</u> We continued our practice of multiplication and transitioned to our review of division. At this point, students are still using multiplication to solve division problems and recalling any strategies they used last year.</p> <p>PRACTICE MULTIPLICATION FACTS AT HOME!! DRILL!! Students should know their multiplication facts to 10x10!</p> <p>**Does your child fluently know their times tables up to 10x10? This baseline knowledge will help with learning more concepts in 5th grade. Here are some websites to help practice:</p> <p>Nerdy memorization Video Multiplication Blaster Game Multiplication Games</p> <p><u>Science</u> This week, students examined alchemy as the start of chemistry by posing the question: Are potions real? We looked at dull pennies and tested different solutions to make them shiny. When they discovered the salt and vinegar worked, they made</p>

a model to describe what they thought was happening. Was it dirty? Did it rust all the way through? We ruled out some explanations by testing those ideas. We will come back to what is happening chemically next week. You can find the link to the website below in “References”.

Writing

This week we MAP tested during our writing time. Next week, we begin Workshop in earnest!

Reading

We continued reading Tiger Rising, and discussed figurative language, character motivation, and modeled other strategies to increase comprehension while reading independently. Students also practiced silent sustained reading, to continue building stamina and reinforce routines.

ELA/Social Studies

We began with basic geography and going over terms to read a map. Geography is the foundation of why people settled in certain places and we will be looking more closely at the physical features of the United States.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

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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.