



5th Grade Updates

September 6, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>Sept 9-13: MAP testing</p> <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 11 and 14: There is NO SCHOOL on this Friday/Monday. There <i>are</i> Teacher/ Parent Conferences.</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> <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>MAP: We'll be testing in the time after first recess, so please make sure your students get a good nights' sleep and have a good protein-filled snack for recess time!</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, rounding and adjusting, making an equivalent fraction and the U.S. standard algorithm.** They also practiced multiplying by 10s in a game called Multiplication Compare. As we continued to practice order of operation each morning for 10 minute math, students took their first math quiz on order of operation!

**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:

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)
[Multiplication Games](#)

Science

Our first unit in Science is: Chemistry Magic. We made some (not very good) pancakes during science class. We discussed pancakes as a phenomenon. Because they came out poorly, the making of them was a "puzzling event that sparks exploratory questions". We'll be moving into explorations of how matter changes,

cause and effect, and trying to figure out what properties in each ingredient change when mixed together to make a pancake.

Writing

This week in writing, we introduced writing supplies and tools, Writing Notebooks, and routines. We discussed the purposes for writing, and types of writing. Then, students wrote about their summer in a style of their choice.

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

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 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](#)

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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)		