










5th Grade Updates

April 19, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><u>Some things to look forward to:</u></p> <p>April 25: Field trip to California Academy of Sciences: DRIVERS NEEDED!</p> <p>April 25: Family Math Night, 6 pm</p> <p>April 30-May 17: CAASPP test *We'll be testing in the mornings.</p> <p>May 1: Environmental Youth Forum Film Festival: buses, no drivers need!</p> <p>May 17th: Spring Music Extravaganza, 1:30 PM in the MPR</p> <p>May 21-24 Outdoor School!</p>	<p><u>Drivers for Academy of Sciences:</u> This field trip will be an all-day trip, leaving at 9:15 returning by 2:30. Please let our classroom parents know whether you can drive!</p> <p>Family Math Night *This will be a chance to dig into how we teach mathematics, and why we teach in the order we do, and why we use the materials we use. We will cover 3rd through 5th grade mathematics and have a chance to engage in some of the activities that the students engage in during school.</p> <p><u>Drivers for Outdoor school:</u> We still need lots of drivers: Please consider driving students down or picking up, going down you get to see where the students will be, and coming back, you get to listen to all the news and happenings from Outdoor School!</p> <p><u>PLEASE DO THIS:</u> Every student going must have a medical form on file by NEXT FRIDAY, April 26th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outdoor School Medical Form!</u> <u>Must fill out!!</u></p> <p>Also, if you want to order a sweatshirt or t-shirt, print the form below and write a check or send cash to Mrs St. Denny by NEXT FRIDAY, April 26th.</p> <p>CAASPP In next weeks to prepare, we'll be taking a practice test or two, working on strategies, discussing what we need when we take the test to do our best. You can help by making sure the students get a good night's sleep, then a nice protein-filled breakfast and arrive at school on time and relaxed.</p>

<p><u>Exploring New Horizons:</u> Our Outdoor School (near Pescadero, CA) came to share all the information you need to know, and answer all the questions you have. Packing lists, information, slideshow are all liked in an email from Ms St. Denny. If your student still has questions, here is their website: Exploring New Horizons</p>	
<p>Slideshow:</p>  	<p>Parent Letter:</p> 

ENH Loma Mar Parent Slideshow	Loma Mar Parent Letter
  Loma Mar Packing List	  Loma Mar Packing List-Spanish
<p>Gear Order Form: Due April 26th All checks payable to Zuhra St. Denny Gear Order Form</p>	<p>Medical Form-Spanish (not online) Spanish Medical Form</p>

<h2>Curriculum Corner</h2>	
<p>Math Thank you to those who returned the math review packet assigned over break. Unit 8 is our final unit in math, and we are working on polygon classification - AKA, Geometry. In the next few weeks, we'll also be reviewing what we worked on all year, to prepare for CAASPP.</p> <p>Science This week we learned about the “Goldilocks Zone” – the area around a star that gets just the right amount of light and heat for life to exist. We explored different solar systems to find a planet with conditions similar to Earth. Then we planned a space mission to visit that planet!</p> <p>You and your child can visit another planet together! [You can virtually stand on the surface of far-away planets using your mobile device] (https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/alien-worlds/exoplanet-travel-bureau/)!</p> <p>Readers Workshop We started a Readers Workshop unit which will support our learning in Social Studies through the remainder of the year. We are working on tackling text complexity in non fiction writing. We are learning what strategies to use when tackling grade level non-fiction in all it's structure types. For example - finding and defining unknown words, finding hidden main ideas, and understanding what headers do or don't tell us!</p> <p>ELA/Social Studies - Unit 4: Westward Migration</p> <p>As we roll into the end of the year, we are studying how the United States grew in the years after the Revolution, and what that might have meant for people new to the country, and what it meant for the people who were already here. We are studying diverse groups of people, transportation, and geography to lay the foundation for understanding what the migration and 'expansion' meant.</p>	

<h2>References</h2> <p>LINK TO HOMEWORK AGENDA: Homework Calendar</p>
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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.