



# 5th Grade Updates

April 5, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><b><u>Some things to look forward to:</u></b></p> <p><b>April 8-12:</b> Spring Break, No School! <b>HOMEWORK ALERT:</b> SS Weekly Newspaper, Math Packet, daily Reading!</p> <p><b>April 25:</b> Field trip to California Academy of Sciences: DRIVERS NEEDED!</p> <p><b>April 25:</b> Family Math Night, 6 pm *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><b>May 17th:</b> Spring Music Extravaganza, 1:30 PM in the MPR</p> <p><b>May 21-24</b> Outdoor School! (Mark your calendars!)</p>	<p><b>Gala:</b> Thanks to everyone who came and supported our remarkable school. It was great to see you there. Your support really matters to keeping WCA 'SMART' now, and in the future.</p> <p><b>Life Science:</b> This week, as promised, we instructed the Life Science unit. We all survived, although they might have questions that remain. At school, we answered the questions with an eye to science and normal development, and questions that were values based, or did not fall under the umbrella of puberty were referred back to a Trusted Adult.</p> <p><b>Drivers for Academy of Sciences:</b> This field trip will be an all-day trip, leaving around 9 returning by 3. Please let our classroom parents know whether you can drive!</p> <p><b>Drivers for Outdoor school:</b> 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><b>PLEASE DO THIS:</b> Every student going must have a medical form on file by <b>APRIL 26th!</b> They are digital so please follow this link:</p> <p><b><u>Outdoor School Medical Form! Must fill out!!</u></b></p>

**Exploring New Horizons:** 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 linked in an email from Ms St. Denny. If your student still has questions, here is their website: [Exploring New Horizons](#)

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

## Curriculum Corner

### **Math**

This week, we focused on multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals in the context of both US Standard and Metric conversions of measurement.

**Homework over Break alert:** There is a review packet that is to be completed over break.

### **Science**

This week in science we're answering the question: "What are the wandering stars?" It's a bit of a trick question, since the wandering stars aren't stars at all. The wandering stars are planets, a word that comes from the Greek word for 'wanderer'.

Your child will have learned that different planets orbit the Sun more quickly or more slowly than the Earth. So here's a fun follow-up you can explore with them: your age (in years) on Mercury or Neptune would be very different from your age on Earth. You and your child can calculate your ages on other planets using this online calculator. (<http://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/age/>). If you want to feel young, check out your age on Neptune where a 40-year-old has not yet celebrated a birthday. (It takes Neptune over 160 Earth years to complete one orbit of the sun!)

Your child will be learning about the planets in class, but no matter how cool it is to see photos of planets, seeing the real thing is always more exciting. You can find out what's going on in the sky tonight. (<http://earthsky.org/tonight>). There's always something interesting happening in the night sky. Check frequently, and you're sure to find a good time to spot a planet.

**Writing:** We finished our persuasive Essay Unit by sharing our essays with the other 5th grade class. They listened carefully to one another, and then formulated their thoughts like this: "Before I thought.....Now I know...."

### **Reading**

READ, READ, READ!

Over break, please CONTINUE TO READ FOR AT LEAST 20 MINUTES EACH DAY.

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

This week, we were busy teaching Life Science and did not work on Social Studies.  
**Homework over Break alert:** Students do have a newspaper to read over break to get them ready for our next Social Studies Unit - Westward Expansion.

## References

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

### Math:

Website: [www.pearsonrealize.com](http://www.pearsonrealize.com)

Login: Willow Creek email: [firstinitiallastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org)

**Example:** [jdoe@stu.willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:jdoe@stu.willowcreekacademy.org)

Password: Wca31 \_ \_ \_ (followed by their student number) **Ex:** Wca31000

Website: [Dreambox](#)

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

Username: (firstinitial)(lastname) **Example:** jschmidt

Password: Wca31 \_ \_ \_ (followed by their student number) **Ex:** Wca31000

### 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 )		