



# 5th Grade Updates









March 29, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><b><u>Some things to look forward to:</u></b></p> <p><b>March 30:</b> Willow Creek Gala!</p> <p><b>April 1-5:</b> Life Science Unit</p> <p><b>April 8-12:</b> Spring Break, No School</p> <p><b>April 25:</b> Family Math Night, 6 pm</p> <p><b>May 17th:</b> Spring Music Extravaganza, 1:30 PM</p> <p><b>May 21-24</b> Outdoor School! (Mark your calendars!)</p>	<p><b><u>In-classroom Overnight:</u></b> Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to bring food to our overnight. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to sleep at school, too!</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](#)

**PLEASE DO THIS: Every student going must have a medical form on file by APRIL 26th! They are digital so please follow this link:**

**[Outdoor School Medical Form! Must fill out!!](#)**

<p>Slideshow:</p>  <p> <a href="#">ENH Loma Mar Parent Slideshow PDF.pdf</a> <a href="#">Shared in Drive</a></p>	<p>Parent Letter:</p>  <p> <a href="#">Loma Mar Parent Letter 2018.pdf</a> <a href="#">Shared in Drive</a></p>
 <p> <a href="#">Loma Mar Packing List_2017.pdf</a> <a href="#">Shared in Drive</a></p>	 <p> <a href="#">Loma Mar Packing List-Spanish_2018.pdf</a> <a href="#">Shared in Drive</a></p>

**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!**

## Curriculum Corner

### **Math**

Math this week focused on multiplying and dividing decimals. We used the Powers of Ten, what we already know about multiplication (Box Method and Standard Algorithm), and discussed strategies for multiplying decimals. We used reasoning and representations to multiply two numbers that are each less than 1. Next week, we will continue and deepen this work as we look at conversions of measurement, and on Friday, there will be a unit assessment.

### **Science**

This week we learned that the Earth isn't the only place with gravity. It's a property of all the planets and moons in our Solar System. We jumped around the classroom and measured our highest jump. Then we calculated how high we could jump on the Moon, Mars, and Jupiter!

Here's something you can do at home! Find out how much you and your child would [weigh on the Moon](<https://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/weight/>). Your weight depends on gravity!

### **Reading**

READ, READ, READ! In preparation of the reading load in middle school, 5th graders set a new goal of reading 1 book at their level per week! We are dedicating 15-20 minutes daily in class time and beefing up reading homework to at least 30 minutes to help reach this goal. We are continuing our read aloud called, My Brother Sam is Dead, by John Lincoln Collier, about a young boy whose Father is a Loyalist, and whose brother is a Patriot. This book illustrates the many different sides there were in Revolutionary days.

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

We looked at the Bill of Rights, and the Preamble to the Constitution, and learned to apply the Amendments to situations that might have happened long ago, and might happen today!

## References

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

### **Math:**

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

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

Website: [Dreambox](#)

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

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

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### **Science:**

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Our current unit is Spaceship Earth!

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**5th Grade Specials:**

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:20-3:00 <b>P.E.</b>	8:35-9:00 <b>Library</b> (every other week)  1:10-2:00 <b>Music</b> (St. Denny) <b>Art</b> (Schmidt )	10:20-11:10 <b>Music</b> (Schmidt) <b>Art</b> (St. Denny)	10:20-11:00 <b>P.E.</b>