



5th Grade Updates

March 8, 2019

| Exciting Events | Willow Creek Community |
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| <p><u>Some things to look forward to:</u></p> <p>March 12: MMWD fieldtrip (buses, no drivers needed) Send students with long sleeves, long pants, tennis shoes, Permission slips need to be signed and returned, paper copies are coming home again this weekend.</p> <p>March 13-20: MAP testing</p> <p>March 19: Life Science Info Night at 6:00pm</p> <p>March 22 & 25: No school-Conferences</p> <p>March 26: Outdoor School Info Night at 6:00pm</p> <p>March 29-30: In-Classroom Overnight! (Mark your calendars!)</p> <p>March 30: Willow Creek Gala</p> <p>April 1-5: Life Science Unit</p> <p>May 21-25 Outdoor School (Mark your calendars!)</p> | <p>St. Denny Class: There is still no volunteer to head the art auction item! It could only be a day of your time. Please step up and reach out to me and Patricia. Thank you! ***Conference sign ups went home yesterday please return it to school as soon as you can. Thank you!</p> <p>In-classroom Overnight: As a way to prepare students and families for being apart for our 4-day Outdoor School, we spend the night at school. We will be playing games outside, having a bonfire on campus, and sleeping in the classrooms! We need chaperones to spend the night, at least 2 male for the boys room and 2 female for the girls room. Please let your classroom parent know whether you can be there!</p> <p>Exploring New Horizons: Our Outdoor School (near Pescadero, CA) is coming to share all the information you need to know, and answer all the questions you have. This is the only info meeting so it is very important you attend! Please plan on attending 3/26 at 6:00pm. Parent drivers are integral to keeping costs down (saving our school over \$5,000!) Please consider driving students down or picking up. We will have sign ups at the meeting.</p> |

Curriculum Corner

Math:

Students worked on multiplying whole numbers by a fraction and by mixed numbers using fraction bars. They also represented multiplying fractions by fractions with an array. Representing fraction multiplication visually makes connections for an abstract concept and builds number sense. Students have made conjectures about what they notice when they multiply the numerators to get a new numerator and the denominators to get a new denominator.

Science

This week we made shadow clocks, or sundials, to illustrate how clocks were made. Students used flashlights to draw conclusions about the position of the sun and the shadows it makes.

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

This week students began learning about how the Revolutionary War ended with the Treaty of Paris and examined our early government. We outlined the first form of government, and imagined why the Articles of Confederation ultimately failed through a simulation. They learned that each colony having their own currency that wasn't accepted in every state, weak central government that could not collect taxes or control commerce, did not work out for the colonies. We began the shift to the constitution and will continue to study that and the bill of rights next week.

References

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

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Example: 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

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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 |
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| 2:20-3:00 | 8:35-9:00 Library (every other week) 1:10-2:00 | 10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt) Art (St. Denny) | 10:20-11:00 P.E. |

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