



5th Grade Updates

September 14, 2018

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>Fall Welcome: Saturday September 22nd All day activities!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showing the movie, "Coco", Offering Tacos from Chef Carlos' truck, Bring blankets and chairs and stay for the film.	<p><u>PARENT COUNCIL</u>: Check at the front office for dates of meetings . The meetings are a great time to meet community, and learn about education.</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math

We continued our practice of multiplication and transitioned to our review of division. At this point, students are still using multiplication to solve division problems and recalled any strategies they used.

PRACTICE MULTIPLICATION FACTS AT HOME!! DRILL!! Students should know their multiplication facts to 10x10! Here's a good video: [Nerdy memorization Video](#)

Science

This week, students examined alchemy as the start of chemistry by posing the question: Are potions real? We looked at dull pennies and tested different solutions to make them shiny. When they discovered the salt and vinegar worked, they made a model to describe what they thought was happening. Was it dirty? Did it rust all the way through? We ruled out some explanations by testing those ideas. We will come back to what is happening chemically next week. Below, you can find the website.

Writing

Students focused on writing with stamina and producing quantity the entire workshop time, and storytelling versus summarizing. The teachers watched an expert teach a writing lesson in Ms. St. Denny's class as we are learning a new writing curriculum. **(Amazing that Willow Creek teachers have access to this kind of professional development! Thank you, SMART Foundation!)**

Growth Mindset

Students made posters demonstrating their growth mindsets! They replaced thoughts and made inspirational quotes as reminders that anyone has the ability to learn!



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References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Website: [Math](#)

Login: Willow Creek email address --

For most students that is firstinitiallastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

Example: jdoe@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

Password: fifth12345

Website: [Dreambox](#)

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

Username: firstinitiallastname **Example:** jschmidt

Password: Wca followed by their student number (31 _ _ _) **Ex:** Wca31000

New Website: [Mystery Science](#) is helping us through our first unit, Chemistry. Check it out here!

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5th Grade Specials:

Tuesday: 2:20-3:00 P.E.

Wednesday: 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny), Art (Schmidt)

Thursday: 10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt), Art (St. Denny)

Friday: 10:20-11:00 P.E.

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.

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