



5th Grade Updates

September 15th, 2017

Successful Support

Homework Begins: Please reference Ms. St. Denny's email about homework. The homework calendar for the week will be available to parents as a reference. We will also be starting spelling next week. The online access to math and spelling was provided in the email. We'll be sending along more information about spelling next week as the students get started. Please bear with us as we launch this new program. We're learning it too. And if your student needs a paper copy because of limited online access, please have him or her let us know.

For your reference:

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

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5th Grade Specials:

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

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

Thursday: 9:10-10:00 Music (Baker), Art (St. Denny)

Friday : 9:20-10:00 P.E.

Exciting Events

Sept. 23rd: Fall Welcome

Sept. 29th: Friday Hike #1- Tennessee Valley Beach 12:30-3:00pm

Oct. 13 & 16: No school

Willow Creek Community

Did you know that WCF is now funding the 5th grade Outdoor School program? If you are able to, please increase your donation to SMART to help cover the costs. We greatly appreciate it.

Room Parents

Thank you Eva-Marie Christman, Erika Ducati Jessie Wong, and Alex Cantin



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for volunteering to be our 5th grade room parents this year!

Curriculum Corner

MATH

We're working into our first unit in math on number properties, multiplication, and division. This week students are refreshing their memories on the Order of Operations and getting renewed practice with multiplication of 2-digit numbers. We're also excited to have Bojiana Burton joining both 5th grade classes to assist in math!

We've begun English as well. Students are exploring the geography of North America and discussing the patterns that affect settlement as they imagine the first hunter-gatherers migrating into the North American continent. Students are exploring the most up-to-date theories on the arrival and dispersal of the first humans in the Americas.

We started science also this week. In Mr. Jared's class students began thinking about astronomy and discussing some "big-picture" questions to get the unit started. Students were also introduced to their first science project, which they will be working on for the next 2 months. In Ms. St. Denny's class, we introduced