



5th Grade Updates

September 22nd, 2017

| Exciting Events | Willow Creek Community |
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| <p>Sept. 23rd: Fall Welcome</p> <p>Sept. 29th: Friday Hike #1- Tennessee Valley Beach 12:30-3:00pm</p> <p>Oct. 6th: Baker's class field trip to Chabot Space and Science Center</p> <p>Oct. 11th: Mill Valley Film Festival (buses provided)</p> <p>Oct. 13 & 16: No school</p> <p>Oct. 17th: Field Trip to De Young Museum</p> |  <p>If you've already donated to the SMART campaign...THANK YOU! We rely on your contribution to fund classroom supplies, classroom field trips, the art program, music, reading and language, computers and new this year...the 5th grade week-long overnight and the Middle School Outward Bound program. So, please donate if you haven't already... www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate Every dollar makes a difference!</p> <p><u>Room Parents</u> Thank you Eva-Marie Christman, Erika Ducati, Jessie Wong, and Alex Cantin for volunteering to be our 5th grade room parents this year!</p> |

Curriculum Corner

MATH

This week we've been focusing primarily on multiplication of 2 and 3-digit numbers. Students are reviewing various strategies for solving multiplication problems and polishing the methods they learned last year. We are focusing on multiplying multiples of 10, if students wish to separate larger numbers by place value. Next week we move into division. When students are working on their math at home, please remind them to show their work.

ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES

We're investigation different aspects of Native American life, including early migration patterns into the North and South American continent, the use of



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artifacts for uncovering historical information, and the importance of folklore as a way of learning about Native American ideas and values. Next week we will continue further investigation, working our way towards our first big project.

SCIENCE

In Mr. Jared's class students traced the path of the sun across the sky by outlining their shadows at multiple times of the day. We also compared the Sun-Earth-Moon size relationship by creating models.

In Ms. St. Denny's class, we introduced chemistry and matter. Students impressed each other using their new vocabulary to explain the atomic structure with the terms nucleus, protons, neutrons and electrons. They also described matter and engaged in their first hands on experiment; mixing substances then trying to separate them.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

*As mentioned via email this week, we appreciate your patience with our roll out of Spelling City. We will continue to work on spelling in class, and will let students know if there is homework as well.

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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.