



5th Grade Updates

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Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 6- Back to school night in room 12 @ 6pm-7pm (That's next Thursday!)</p>	<p>We are thrilled to be your child's teacher! We are working hard to build community and learn and <i>re-learn</i> the routines and procedures in these first weeks of school.</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math

This week, students reviewed making arrays to show multiplication. An array is a rectangle in which each dimension (side) is a factor. They created arrays to fit clues of a number. They also learned the order of operations and took a small quiz on Friday. Homework this week focused on practicing multiplication facts as we will be moving into multiplying several digit numbers.

PRACTICE MULTIPLICATION FACTS AT HOME!! DRILL!! (Baby, Drill!) Students should know their multiplication facts to 10x10!

Science

In science this week we practiced scientific processes of observing, questioning, modeling, and testing variables. Students enjoyed trying to figure out how and why our "magic" cellophane fish moved in our hands. They also drew scientific sketches of leaves, then had to match leaves to the drawings, making the point that scientific sketches need to be as detailed as possible.

Writing

As we will begin our narrative unit next week, we have been reading a variety of different narrative books to front load what great writing sounds like. We read The Best Story, Baseball Saved Us and Mailing May, and started reading The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo.

Growth Mindset

This week and next for Social Studies, we are examining what it means to have a growth mindset - In a **growth mindset**, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that



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is essential for great accomplishment. Learning from failure is one of the cornerstones of the mindset. Here's a little [video](#) for you.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Website: [Math](#)

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

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Password: fifth12345

Website: [Dreambox](#)

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

Username: firstinitiallastname (jschmidt)

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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.

ARRAY: This array has dimensions of 2,3. Those numbers are the factors which we multiply to find the the product of the multiplication problem:
 $2 \times 3 = 6$

