




5th Grade Updates

October 6th, 2017

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>Oct. 2-12: Conferences with Mr. Jared's Class</p> <p>Oct. 11th: Mill Valley Film Festival (buses provided)</p> <p>Oct. 13 & 16: No school/Conferences with Ms. St. Denny's Class</p> <p>Oct. 19th: Field Trip to De Young Museum</p> <p>Oct. 26th: Monthly Hike to Marin Headlands</p> <p>Nov. 2: Outdoor School Info Night @ 6pm in St. Denny's room 12</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>

Curriculum Corner

MATH

This week we finished up our first unit on multiplication and division and had our first unit test. Our 2nd unit focuses on geometry and volume. Students will be constructing shapes and using formulas to determine the volume of rectangular prisms.

ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES

This week we nearly completed our instruction on our Native American History. We've recently covered European contact and the conquistadores who first came to North and South America. We finished with a debate about whether Columbus should be considered a hero. Students are now beginning their work on our Social Studies projects, which include an artifact museum project and a literature group. Nearly all work for these projects will be conducted in class, but as the due dates draw near students may need to do some minor work at home as well.



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SCIENCE

This week Mr. Baker's covered the concept of terraforming, which explains the process of changing a planet or moon to make it suitable for life. Students have begun to decide their topics for our projects. Next week we will begin work on our projects.

In Ms. St. Denny's class, students explored more with solutions by making concentrated and diluted lemonade and other solutions.

References

[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.