



# 5th Grade Family Newsletter

**Mission:** Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.

**Social Skill:** I feel...statements.

**Date:** January 8, 2024

## Grade-Level Events

- End of the Quarter is Friday, January 12, 2024
- No school on January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- No school on January 16th - Grade Transmittal Day

## Math

We are starting a new math unit. The focus of this section is multiplication and division with fractions.

- We will use comparison bars to solve multiplicative comparison problems involving fractions.
- Use number lines to solve problems involving non-unit fractions.
- Use area models to solve problems involving fractions.
- Use bar models to multiply, compare, and divide fractions.

## Language Arts

Focus: I can accurately quote from a fiction text when I am explaining what it says and support **inferences** that I have made.

Example: Finding an inference is similar to being a detective. Readers will look for clues in what the characters say or do. It is important to take the clues from the text and use our background knowledge to figure out what is being implied.

Look for clues at home while watching media, movies or conversations when you make inferences. Be a detective!

## Science

In science we teach the following units.

- Rocks, soils, and landforms
- Mixtures and solutions
- Living systems

### Did You Know?

The density of water is greater than the density of ice. That is why ice floats in a glass of water.

## Social Studies

Focus- Students will understand the chronology and significance of key events leading to self-government.

Example- Students will be able to discuss the impact of taxes without representation and important events, such as key battles, that led to our country's independence.

## Family Connection/Additional Information

- Watch the weather forecast and dress for the weather!
- Wear your Falcon shirt on Fridays to show your school spirit.
- Please join your individual class's communication app (Remind or Bloomz).