



# 5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

**Golden Gate:** I will smile at others.

**Date:** October 25, 2021

## Grade-Level Events

- October 25-29 Red Ribbon Week: Oct. 25th wear Hawaiian gear, Oct. 26th crazy hair and sock day, Oct. 27th Wear gear from your favorite team, Oct. 28th wear a hat to school, Oct. 29th Wear your Halloween costume
- Halloween Parade at 9:15 on Friday, October 29. Parents will view the parade outside. Our Halloween parties will happen right after the parade.

## 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 identify metaphors and similes as types of figurative language.

Similes are used to compare two unlike things using the words like or as.

Example: The teenagers's bedroom smelled as bad as the inside of a garbage can.

Metaphors are a comparison of two unlike things by saying that one thing is a dissimilar object or thing.

Example: My passion for reading is a flame that grows brighter with each book.

## 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: Describe and explain the growth and development of the early American colonies.

Example: Compare the geographic and cultural differences between the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies (e.g., religious, economic, political).

Example: Analyze contributions of American Indian people to the colonial settlements.

## 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).