



5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

Social Skill: I can overcome embarrassment and disappointment.

Date: December 4, 2023

Grade-Level Events

- Middle Year Acadience Testing December 13 - 14.
- Christmas Program for parents on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 9:15 in the gym.
- Dec. 21st is an early out day.

Math

Focus: I can add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators using Least Common Multiple and Greatest Common Factor.

Please check with your child to see how they are feeling about fractions. They may need extra support at home. Here is a simple video you could review with them.

adding & subtracting
FRACTIONS

Example: $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}$

1. Find a common denominator.
 $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1 \times 3}{2 \times 3} = \frac{3}{6}$
 $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{2 \times 2}{3 \times 2} = \frac{4}{6}$
2. Write equivalent fractions with the common denominator.
 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{3}{6} + \frac{4}{6}$
3. Write the problem using the equivalent fractions.
 $\frac{3}{6} + \frac{4}{6}$
4. Find the sum. Add the numerators. The denominator stays the same.
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIhwfqULbAE>

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?

All organisms have needs, such as food, water, and air. If the needs of the organisms in the ecosystem are not met, they cannot survive.

Animals usually need food, water, and shelter. For example: if deer need to eat grass and the place they live in (their ecosystem) no longer has grass, they have to move somewhere else or risk not surviving.

Social Studies

Focus: I can describe and explain the settling, growth and development of the 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

- Wear your Falcon shirt on Fridays to show your school spirit.
- Please ensure your student reads for 30 minutes a night and record in planner.
- We are a no homework school, however, if your child isn't finishing their work during class, they need to bring it home to finish. Please check with your student daily to make sure those assignments are being completed.