



5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

Golden Gate: I will treat others and myself with kindness and respect.

Date: December 6, 2021

Grade-Level Events

- Class Winter Holiday Party on Friday, December 17, 2021.
- Have an amazing Winter Break!

Math

Focus: We just finished Unit 3 and are starting Unit 4. In this unit we will be able to:

- Explain patterns in the number of zeros when multiplying by the powers of 10
- Use whole number exponents
- Multiply decimals to hundredths
- Solve problems involving multiplication with whole numbers and decimals.
- Use parentheses, brackets, or braces in numerical expressions, and evaluate expressions

Language Arts

Focus: I can compare and contrast stories in the same genre and I can compare several texts on the same subject and write or speak about the the subject knowledgeably.

Example: I can compare and contrast two different versions of Cinderella or another story.

Look for examples of different ways you can compare and contrast events that happened in a story, movie or several stories.

Science

In science we teach the following units.

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

Did You Know?

Density and concentration are related. If a solution is more concentrated then it will have a greater density.

A solution is made when a solute (like drink mix) is dissolved in a solvent (like water). Mixtures are made when we mix 2 or more things together. We find mixtures all over our house, like cereal and milk, or trail mix make yummy mixtures.

Social Studies

Focus: Distinguish between the rights and responsibilities held by different groups of people during the colonial period.

Example: Compare the varying degrees of freedom held by different groups (e.g. American Indians, landowners, women, indentured servants, enslaved people).

Example-Explain how early leaders established the first colonial governments (e.g. Mayflower compact, charters).

Family Connection/Additional Information

- Wear your Falcon shirt on Fridays to show your school spirit.
- Winter Holiday Break December 20, 2021 to January 2, 2022