



5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

Golden Gate: I will smile at others.

Date: February 7, 2022

Grade-Level Events

- February 14: We will be decorating bags at school, so no need to bring a box from home. Also, your child just needs to sign their valentine cards, and not address them to classmates. Please make sure you have enough Valentines for everyone in their class.
- February 18: Colonial Days rescheduled!! We need parents to make some salt dough and send it in, as well as a few volunteers to come in and help.

Math

Focus 1: I can divide numbers with decimals in either the dividend, the divisor, or both.

Examples:

$$7 \overline{)654.5} \quad 0.4 \overline{)372} \quad 0.24 \overline{)2.064}$$

Focus 2: I can use the order of operations to solve algebraic expressions.

Order of operations: 1) Parentheses 2) Exponents
3) Multiply and Divide 4) Add and Subtract

Examples: $72 \div (7 - 1) \cdot 3$ $54 - 200 \div 4$

Language Arts

Focus: Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.

Example: learning what the different text structures are, looking for key words, and seeing examples of each type of text structure.

Focus: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Example: Use punctuation to separate items in a series.

Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence.

Use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., *It's true, isn't it?*), and to indicate direct address (e.g., *Is that you, Steve?*).

Science

In science we teach the following units.

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

Did You Know?

How do things get rust on them? Rust happens when items containing iron are left outdoors in the environment. The iron reacts with oxygen in the air producing a new product called iron oxide (we call it rust). This can be a slow process. If you left an iron nail outside, it could take days or weeks before you started seeing signs of rust. If left outside, it might take a hundred years for the entire nail to completely change to iron oxide.

Social Studies

Focus: Assess how the US Constitution has been amended and interpreted over time, and the impact these amendments have had on the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States.

Example: Explain the significance of the Bill of Rights.

Example: Analyze the impact of the Constitution on their lives today (e.g. freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, petition).

Vocabulary: constitution, confederation, preamble, legislative, executive, judicial, amendment, petition, assembly, check and balance

Family Connection/Additional Information

- Wear your Falcon shirt on Fridays to show your school spirit.
- Please join your individual class's communication app (Remind or Bloomz).