



# 5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

**Social Skills:** I can use my personal space and set boundaries.

**Date:** February 5, 2024

## Grade-Level Events

- February 12-16 Kindness Week: We are focusing on using kind manners and being kind to everyone.
- February 9- No school for students. Try to do a health and wellness activity at home.
- February 14- Valentine's Day: We will be decorating bags at school. If you are going to bring Valentines, please bring enough for everyone in the class. Also, just have your child sign their name, no need to write who it is for. That makes it easier to pass them out.
- February 21-22 Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 26- Field trip to the Utah Symphony
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## 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: Students will describe major events that took place between the colonists and the British which led to a Declaration of Independence.

Example: Describe events that led to declaring independence; such as the French and Indian War, Stamp Act, Boston Tea Party, Boston Massacre, Battle of Bunker Hill, Intolerable Acts, and Lexington and Concord.

## Family Connection/Additional Information

- Watch the weather forecast and dress for the weather!