



# 5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

**Golden Gate:** I can be a problem solver.

**Date:** April 1, 2024

## Grade-Level Events

- Biz Town is on Tuesday, April 9th.
- No school for students on Friday, April 12th. Thursday, April 11th is NOT a short day.
- RISE testing will start at the end of the month: Writing on the 24-25, Science on the 29-30, ELA on May 1-2, Math on May 7-8.

### Math

Focus: I can recognize a quadrilateral and describe the qualities of different triangles.

Quadrilaterals video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWBjrJFZV4w>

Classifying Triangles:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLeNaZcy-hE>

This is our final unit of the year. We will spend some time reviewing all of the math concepts that we have learned this year, as well as working more with word problems.

### Language Arts

Focus: I can write to share my opinion and provide reasons that support my opinion. I can write to inform or explain topics or ideas to others clearly.

We are honing our writing skills as we prepare to take our end of the year tests. We are focusing on writing 5 paragraph essays, including a good introduction and conclusion. Each essay also needs 3 good body paragraphs with concrete details and reasons.

[Here](#) is a list of books your student might read with our classes this year. If you have any concerns, please contact your student's teacher.

### Science

In science we teach the following units.

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

Did You Know?

- All solutions are mixtures, but not all mixtures are solutions.
- We find all kinds of mixtures in the world around us, from trail mix and our cereal for breakfast, to household cleaners and the air we breathe.
- When a solution is more concentrated, it has a greater mass and density.

### Social Studies

Focus: I can assess the geographic, cultural, political, and economic divisions between regions that contributed to the civil war.

Example: Describe the impact of physical geography on the cultures of the northern and southern regions (industrial resources, agriculture, and climate).

Example: Compare how cultural and economic differences of the north and south led to tension.

## Family Connection/Additional Information

- Wear your Falcon shirt on Fridays to show your school spirit.
- We will be RISE testing first thing in the morning. So, please make sure your child is on time to school, after a good night's sleep, and a healthy breakfast. This will help them to perform their best on the end of year tests.