



5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

Golden Gate: I will smile at others.

Date: August 23, 2021

Grade-Level Events

- Welcome back to school! We are so excited to have you in 5th grade! It is going to be a great year!
- Sign and return forms from Back to School Night and PTA forms as soon as possible.
- Beginning of the year Acadience testing will be the week of August 30.

Math

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

Examples:

Least Common Multiple (LCM):

3's: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15,

4's: 4, 8, 12, 16

The LCM is:

12

Greatest Common Factor (GCF) The GCF is: 3

15: 1, 15 3, 5

9: 1, 9 3, 3

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.

Ms. Giffen left her house in rubber boots and brought an umbrella. What can you infer about the weather?

Science

In science we teach the following units.

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

Since we are sharing resources, each class will study different units at different times throughout the year. Please ask your child to find out which unit they are currently studying.

Social Studies

Focus: I can practice having a growth mindset when dealing with new situations.

Example:

Fixed Mindset: I can't do this.

Growth Mindset: I am going to train my brain in how to do this

Fixed Mindset: I want to quit!

Growth Mindset: I have other strategies I haven't tried yet.

Fixed Mindset: I'm so dumb

Growth Mindset: I am learning! I just need more practice.

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).