



5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

Golden Gate: I will smile at others.

Date: September 20, 2021

Grade-Level Events

- Reaction Time, Wednesday, September 29th, Discovery Gateway will run this.
- Please have your child work on Lexia at home. Their username is their lunch number and their password is: read. They need to have 40 to 80 minutes of Lexia each week.

Math

Focus: I can add and subtract decimals to hundredths using models, drawings or other strategies to explain my thinking.

Example:

The key is to always line up the decimal points before we add or subtract.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG6ILNOiMgM> Watch this video for more information about understanding Decimals and Place Value for fractions. Also you can look up this video by Math Antics: Decimal Place Value.

Language Arts

Focus: I can accurately quote from a fiction or nonfiction 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.

This is our standard for September and October. Please continue to look for clues at home while watching media, movies or conversations when you make inferences. Be a detective!

Science

In science we teach the following units.

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

Did You Know?

Weathering (the breaking down of rocks into smaller particles) is happening all the time. Weathering can be caused by wind, water, ice, or plants.

Social Studies

Focus: Explain how advances in technology lead to an increase in exploration.

Example: Ship Technology/ Ship Drawings

Focus- Identify explorers who came to the Americas and the nations they represented.

Example-Explorer reports and presentations

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).
- Please have your child read 30 minutes each night and record in your planner.