



# 5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

**Social Skill:** I can keep myself calm.

**Date:** September 5, 2023

## Grade-Level Events

- No school on Friday, September 22 for a Teacher Professional Development Day. Thursday, September 21 will be a full day of school.
- Work on Reflections projects at home.
- DARE started last week. Ask your 5th grader what new skills they are learning from Officer Peterson.

## 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 the planner.