



5th Grade Family Newsletter

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

Golden Gate: I will smile at others.

Date: September 7, 2021

Grade-Level Events

- School Picture Day is Monday, September 13th.
- Friday, September 10th is our first flexible Friday. All students are invited to come, but attendance is optional. Attendance will not be taken. The schedule will be a regular Friday schedule. Our Friday learning opportunity will be on fractions.

Math

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

Please check with your child to see how they are feeling about fractions. They may need extra support at home. Here is a simple video you could review with them.

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

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.

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?

All organisms have needs, such as food, water, and air. If the needs of the organisms in the ecosystem are not met, they cannot survive.

Animals usually need food, water, and shelter. For example: if deer need to eat grass and the place they live in (their ecosystem) no longer has grass, they have to move somewhere else or risk not surviving.

Social Studies

Focus: Ancient Cultures that lead to exploration and settlement of the Americas.

Example: Mayan, Inca, and Aztecs were overtaken by Spanish conquistadors.

Focus- Students will understand how the exploration and colonization of North America transformed human history.

Example-Using maps - including pre-1492 maps - and other geographic tools, locate and analyze the routes used by the explorers.

September 17th is Constitution Day

Family Connection/Additional Information

- Wear your Falcon shirt on Fridays to show your school spirit.
- Please ensure your student reads for 20 or 30 minutes a night and record in planner.
- Please join your individual class's communication app (Remind or Bloomz).