5th Grade Newsletter

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October 30th, 2026

- **11/11 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL**
- **November 16-12 Conferences - PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO FIND THE LINK TO SCHEDULE YOUR CONFERENCE**
- **Thanksgiving Break 11/23-27**

Hello Explorer Families,

We've reached the end of October and your student has so much to be proud about! We wrapped up Project Ride Smart with JIBE, began planning for our social studies diorama project, and worked really hard learning to divide fractions. Students also enjoyed visiting the Scholastic Book Fair and helped pick out new books for our classroom.

Next week we will continue with dividing fractions in math and begin drafting opinion writing essays. Your child should start to bring materials from home to construct their dioramas with: figurines, rocks/sticks, leaves, boxes, etc. The goal of this project is to accurately represent components of a specific Native American culture. I encourage you to ask your student what they've discovered about their selected region/tribe to reinforce their learning at home.

Have a great weekend!

P.S. Encourage your student to read at home to earn this month's reading log party! 190 minutes is the goal. Each month is a new month and a fresh start for students to participate if they haven't yet.

A look at next week's classroom academics:
Math: Multiplying & Dividing Fractions

- Unit 3 Family Support Material

ELA: Opinion Writing, Phonics, Whole class novel Front Desk by Kelly Yang
Social Studies: Native American Regions

Homework/schoolwork resources

- Daily: Reading Logs up to 20 minutes daily
    - If your student did not earn the classroom prize for this month, please encourage them to read and turn in their logs next month.
- Unfinished classwork, occasional practice/study guides to prepare for upcoming assessments
- Google Classroom for resources on current units
- Extra Practice: Clever for multiple resources
- ELA: Lexia (login via Clever OR login instructions linked HERE, use teacher email when logging in nfontana@westlakecharter.com)
- Math: Imagine Math Resources via Clever (Family Support Handouts: Imagine Math, Math Facts)

Assessment Information

- Retakes (Complete this Retake Request Form to request a retake of a benchmark assessment - only for students who have not yet shown mastery of the respective standards)
- Use the Illuminate Parent Portal to check assessment grades. If you have questions regarding Illuminate, please email jbailey@westlakecharter.com.

Social-Emotional Learning

- We begin each school day with a structured morning meeting time where students greet one another, we share our responses to the given prompt for the day, and wrap up our morning meeting with an activity. The structure of the morning meeting remains the same each day and we engage in a variety of SEL activities. In addition to morning meetings, social emotional learning is woven throughout our school day.

Specialties Information

Art: This week, artists will be celebrating the fall season with a fun leaf-inspired art project! Students will explore different lines, shapes, and patterns as they create their own colorful autumn compositions.

Physical Education: Dribble Protection, Passing and Defense Skills
Reminder Athletic Shoes Only**

Spanish: Weather - This week, students will draw pictures that match different weather sentences in Spanish.
Gimkit Blooket: Students will reinforce vocabulary learned in Gimkit and Blooket games.

From Westlake:

Mystery Reader Challenge:

We value school and community collaboration at WCS. As part of our October and November Mystery Reader Challenge, Westlake would like to welcome our community members into our classrooms to read.

- If you have a cool job and would like to come tell us a little bit about your job and read us a book, **CLICK HERE** to sign up.
- If you have a connection to a business or organization in our community and would like to include them in our Mystery Reader Challenge, please **CLICK HERE** to let us know.

Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL:

On Wednesday, November 11th, Westlake Charter School will be observing Veterans Day. There will be no school and our BASE program will be closed.

K-8 Conference Week:

Conference week is November 16th - 20th. **CLICK HERE** to schedule your conference. The online scheduler is available to families through November 17th. We strive to have 100% of our families meet with their teacher! **CLICK HERE** for instructions on how to use the online scheduler. Remember, during conference week, we will dismiss early to allow time for teachers to meet with each of our families. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 PM, and 1st–8th grade will dismiss at 1:30 PM. Our K-8 BASE program will be open after school until 6:00 PM each day.

William B. Pond Field Lesson:

In **October**, our Fifth Grade classes went on a field lesson to **William B. Pond**. As of **October 28th**, we have only received **21.5%** of our grade level field lesson donations goal. Help us to continue to host these engaging field lessons to extend our

Explorers' learning! Please **CLICK HERE** to donate for grade level field lessons and school supplies.