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Welcome Back

# Rio Calaveras The Class Times

The class newsletter written and published by Mr. Pham's Fifth Grade Students - Class of 2020



## Welcome to our 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Our class is made up of 28 students and our teacher, Mr. Pham. We came from different places, have different personalities and abilities. Some of us like to draw, some like math, others love to read, and there are students that like computers.

Although we are different, we are here for these reasons: To improve our minds, to spend time with friends, and to be a **ONE** and **UNIQUE** class.

We love Rio Calaveras! All the teachers are wonderful, and learning is a lot of fun. This year we will try our best to learn and fulfill our class motto:

**BELIEVE! ACHIEVE! SUCCEED!**

**It's going to be a great year!**  
**Mr. Pham's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class**

- Nazneen, Gianna, Kyri, Jasdeep,
- Daisy, Albert, Riley, Vivian,
- Julian, Mellany, Oliver,
- Zarghuna, Randy, Chyane, Tessa,
- Alessandro, Gabriel, Javier,
- Abigail, Aiden, Anjali, Thaliyah,
- Genesis, Payton, Kaleb,
- Le An, Dylan, Wilmer





Dear Parents,

We are off to a good start for the school year. Everyone is enthusiastic and eager to learn.

I'm happy to have such a great group of kids and very excited to be a part of your child's education

I'm pleased to say that the students in this class are also excited about the new school year. Our Class' motto is:

**BELIEVE! ACHIEVE! SUCCEED!**

We know we must **Believe** in ourselves to be able to **Achieve** in school and **Succeed** in life. This year will be full of challenges that come with being a Fifth Grader. The students are asked to be more responsible and accountable for their learning and behavior in the classroom, on the playground, and at home. Fifth grade curriculum will also be very demanding, and homework/classwork is expected to be done every week. There are a lot of projects and activities that we do in class that will be both challenging and rewarding. One of these activities is to publish a class newsletter.

The "Class Times" will be published once every month. Working on the newsletter provides an opportunity for students to express themselves through writing, practicing real-life writing skills as they produce newsletters for classmates, friends, and family to enjoy.

The students are very excited about writing and publishing monthly newsletters, but parental support is needed and appreciated to encourage the children in this very rewarding and on-going class project. The newsletter is for the students but also is a way for parents to see how their children are doing in class by reading the newsletter each month. With parents and students' participation both in and out of the classroom, we can look forward to a productive, creative, and enjoyable year together.

Please feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,  
**Toan Pham**  
Rio Calaveras

# REFLECTIONS About 5<sup>th</sup> Grade...



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be great! It will be fun because Granma P. is a science teacher. I can't wait for the

flea markets, carnivals, etc.

**Ahmad**

I'm very excited for this year because I have a VERY pretty teacher. I am also excited for all the



projects we are going to do. Finally, I look forward to the RoAch's and carnivals we will have. **Oliver**



5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to be hard but it's fine because it's better. I like the class because it's fun and I really like the STEM

projects so far. I think this year is going to be good and fun.

**Alessandro**

5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to be fun! It's been good and Mr. Pham is also oogley. I like Mr. Pham. He's very fun and the best teacher I ever



had. I'm looking forward to this year. I also love the songs Mr. Pham sang with his guitar! **Gabriel**



So far, this class is really fun. Sometimes we get in trouble, but it's a part of life. Mr. Pham doesn't want us to be

want us to be bored. I'm looking forward to this year. **Wilmer**



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is pretty fun so far and hopefully it stays that way. Every day we do something fun and not as much homework.

Other classes might not be as fun as ours. So I will definitely enjoy this year! **Aiden**

I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is pretty good so far. I really like this class because I get to sit with my friends. I think I am going to like this year with Mr. Pham (a.k.a. Grandma P.) and my classmates. **LeAn**



I think 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is amazing so far and that it's going to stay this way for the rest of the year. I really enjoy all my classmates and

most of all my teacher, Mr. Pham! Everyone calls him oogley... but he doesn't know it yet. I'm going to really enjoy this year! **Daisy**

I like 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I want to be a good student. Our class is fun so far with four projects. Mr.



Pham is really oogley but he's a nice and funny teacher. **Javier**



I think this class is going to be awesome with the STEM projects and art. I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going

to good. I think that this class is going well. It's going to be amazing! **Riley**

# Goals & Dreams



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is great because I feel like it is going to be fun this year! This class is fun for me and although it will be hard sometimes, it's fun!

That is what I think about 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Tessa**

*p.s. Mr. Pham is pretty...oogly!*

5<sup>th</sup> grade is great so far because it seems different than 4<sup>th</sup> grade and it's cool to be in a bigger grade. So far, the year has been great. We are going to do many fun things. The class is great... but not Mr. Pham!



**Mellany**



So far, I like 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It is so much fun! I like doing the STEM projects and doing art. Also, I like Grandma P's corny jokes. I hope the rest of the year

I hope the rest of the year is great. One advice: you should never listen to Mr. Pham when he says he's pretty!!!

**Zarghuna**

5<sup>th</sup> grade is really fun so far and Mr. Pham is very funny and pretty...NOT (hehe... I am evil). I really like my classmates. Every morning, when I wake up,



I think "What's going to happen today?" When we learn, Mr. Pham is really serious, and I recommend not to mess with him. I am really looking forward to learning a lot of new stuff this year!

**Chyane**

*p.s. Mr. Pham is very PRETTY!!!!*



I think 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is going to be amazing because I want to learn and try new things. I also love to draw, trace, and paint. I like everything in this

class because it is full of arts and crafts and fun! And... Mr. Pham is BEAUTIFUL! **Nazneen**



My goals in the future is to go to UOP and be a doctor. My goals for this year is to make AR goals for all 3 trimesters, get

on the Hall of Fame, get good grades and convince Mr. Pham that he is oogly. Hopefully he agrees with that. **Dylan**

One of my goals this year is to get on the "Wall of Fame."



Another one of my goals is to get better at art. For the future is to go to UCLA and become a doctor. **Vivian**



My goals for this year is to make the "Wall of Fame" and try to do better in math because I want to try and learn division. I also think Mr.

Pham (Grandmaster P) is totally gorgeous. I want to improve in my handwriting skills. I want to go to UCLA and be a doctor. **Gianna**

I want to be better in math. I want to work hard this year and go to Stanford to become a doctor so I can help my mom and dad because they work too hard.



**Genesis**



In the future, I would like to be a movie director or someone who creates movie characters. Otherwise, I will be backpacking on trains

or living in New York working two jobs at Starbucks or another coffee shop.

**Payton**

So far, I love this class because we are going to do a lot of STEM projects. I want to do a lot of fun stuff this year. I hope it will be great!



**Anjali**

My goals for the future is to go to a good college for 4 years to become a doctor. I also want to buy a house for me and my family. **Thaliyah**



My goals for this year is to get Principal's Honor Roll. I want to be a good student and get smarter at everything. My future goal is to get into UCLA

and get a technology engineering job. I want to be on the "Wall of Fame" too.

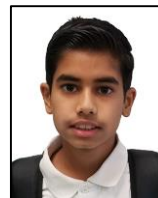
**Kyri**

My goals for this year is to be on the "Wall of Fame", doing a lot of science, and mostly, I want Mr. Pham to admit that I'm pretty and



handsome... not him. I hope I will win the Catapult contest on Wednesday.

**Albert**



My goals for this year is that I want to finish all given assignments and be on the "Wall of Fame." My future goal is to go to Berkeley University. **Jasdeep**

My goals are to get good grades and be a good students. My future goals are to go to University of Pacific and play soccer for the Tigers! **Julian**



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to be great. What I like is the art, reading, math, STEM, and class money. I want to be on the "Wall of Fame!" I

will work as hard as I can to be one of the best students ever! I want to go to UCSD. **Kaleb**

My goals for the future is to go to UCLA. I like this class. It's the best!!! **Randy**

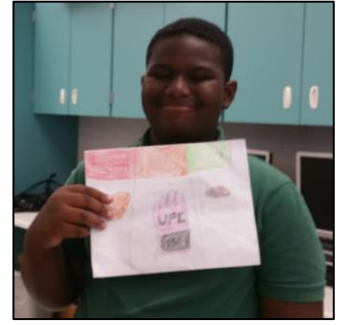




Science tools investigations



AR Board winners



Kaleb showing his drawing



Chyane's "All About Me" presentation



Testing out Sundials for a STEM project



Showing off our drawings during art time.



Making hoop gliders.

There are a lot more pictures on our class website.

## Classroom Website

<http://Journey5th.us>

Did you know that our class has a website on the internet? There are many things on our homepage like news, updates, pictures, fun websites, learning activities, e-mails, and our brand-new Game Room. Student's work will be posted on the website. Later in the year, students will get to build their own website to post their projects. It's going to be an exciting year learning technology and the internet. Please support our class and encourage your child.

## Using Technology in the Class

There are several online programs both social and academic that our class is using this year:

- Edmodo
- Google Drive
- i-Ready
- Accelerated Reader
- Website
- Online Activities

Technology will be more and more important as the students move up the grades and I want the students to be prepared to meet the challenges of the real world through collaboration and technology implementation. Students will begin creating websites to use as their digital portfolios in September and we are all excited to begin our journey.

## what's up

Events happening this month:

9/02 – Labor Day

NO SCHOOL

9/14 – Flea Market #1

9/16 – Book Faire Week

9/19 – Pillar Assembly 9:15

9/23 – No School

9/27 – Fall RoACH

AVID Night: 6pm

9/30 – Science Camp Week