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Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

The class newsletter written and published
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On this Thanksgiving occasion, we are thankful for:

- **OUR PARENTS. WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!!!**

We also would like to express our sincere appreciation to these Wonderful People for supporting our class during the first Trimester of school:

- Our Principal, Mrs. Hall. Our Assistant Principals, Mrs. Mata & Mrs. Reece
- Ms. Alma and the Office Staff
- Mrs. Morales, Ms. Attaway, Ms. Martinez,
- Mr. James, Miss Aundria, Ms. Andersen, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Johnson
- Mrs. Yolanda and the Cafeteria Staff.
- Mr. John, Mr. Lee, Ms. Bee and the Custodial Staff,
- Mr. Matt, Mr. Steve and the Student Supervisors Staff.

We are deeply thankful for your support. We promise to try our best in school and be good citizens.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mr. Pham's Fifth Grade - Room B1



WHAT I'M THANKFUL FOR...

Dylan: I'm thankful for having a good family. My mom helped me learn when I was little, and she made good food for me. My dad helped me with homework and my sister talked and played games with me.

Wilmer: My parents, for the food, the motivation to keep doing my work. For my friends for being with me during tough times. They cheer me up when I'm sad. For the people that gave their lives for our freedom.

Daisy: For my parents for how they have helped me through all these years. For the food they make, and how hard they work to provide our family with a house. I also value the time my parents spend with me and how they always care for me.

Nazneen: For my mom and dad for being very loving and caring. I'm also thankful for my uncle who died. He was so kind and sweet. We used to call each other burnt cookies, ha ha! I'm thankful for everyone I have in my life.

Aneva: I'm thankful for my cousin. He's like a brother because he was my childhood friend and he would protect me if I need it. I'm thankful for my dad came home safely from the army... and for my mom who always makes me happy! 😊

Aiden: My parents. They have raised me ever since I was born, and they make me happy. I'm thankful for my sister, who always helps me with my homework when I'm stuck.

Anjali: For my family, my house, the food that mom and dad make, for my siblings, my friends, and lastly, the school that I'm going to everyday.

Gianna: My mom and dad because they keep me under a roof and feed me. I'm also thankful for my friends and family because they keep me happy... and for my cousins even though they sometimes annoy me. 😊

Randy: I'm thankful for my mom and family and being alive and all the good times that I've had. I'm thankful for everyone who helped me to be myself.

Zarghuna: I'm thankful for having a mom and dad, for having good friends that care for me, for my siblings that sometimes annoy me. I'm thankful for having a teacher that cares about me and my classmates.

Mellany: I'm thankful for my dog. She has been with me since I was a baby. I will miss her when she's gone because she is very old. She protects my family whenever something happens. She cheers me up when I'm sad. I wish she could be with me for many years. She is my favorite pet ever!

Tessa: I am thankful for my family, my house, food, my electronics. My family makes me food, helps with homework, and takes care of me for the past 10½ years. My house has given us shelter to live in. My electronics are there when I'm bored for Youtube or do homework. Lastly, I am thankful for my friends that keep me company. Happy Thanksgiving!

Julian: My family, for having parents. I'm thankful for having a dog, for my country, and for having a great family.

Chyane: I'm thankful for many things like my parents, how they take care of me, buy me things, and love me. I'm thankful for my pet bird, dog, turtle, and parrot to keep me from being sad. I'm thankful for Anjali for being such a great friend. Finally, I'm thankful for the soldiers who fought for our country and freedom.

Riley: I'm thankful for my friends and family who have been there when I'm in rough times and need someone to talk.

Jasdeep: For my family for giving me good food, helping with homework, and raising me, and being there for me in good times and bad times. Thank you!

Kyri: For the things that were given to me. For having a mom and dad raising me. For the life that has been given to me. For the school that has taught me multiple things.

Santonio: I'm thankful for my mom and dad feeding me and taking care of me.

Javier: I'm thankful for my family everyday. I'm thankful for the food that my parents provide for me.

Happy Thanksgiving!

LeAn: I'm thankful for my parents who have provided me many things. I'm also thankful for my friends who have kept me company. I'm very thankful to be at a very nice school and classroom.

Alessandro: I'm thankful for my parents. They always work hard to support and protect me. Thank you!

Thaliyah: For my mom because she is taking care of 4 kids. For a house to live in. For my dog that makes me happy. He also protects my family.

Albert: For having a family that cares about me and our family. For a family that celebrates holidays. I'm thankful for my parents that always helps me, cares for me, and cooks for me. ♥

Ahmad: My parents who protect me. For having my friends Javier and Gabriel. They help me when I'm mad.

Oliver: I'm thankful for my family who have been there for me. Thankful for my dog, my toys that make me happy. Finally, I'm thankful for my ooogy teacher!

Payton: My family that provide food and shelter for me. Avery and my babysitter especially because they always make me laugh when I'm sad. My bed is one of the most things I'm thankful for because it's been comfortable even though there's so many popcorn crumbs from binge-watching Netflix.

Vivian: For my family and the food they provide me. When I'm sick, my mom takes care of me and I'm thankful for that. For my friends that play with me everyday. I'm also thankful for all the veterans that have served to defend our freedom.

Genesis: I'm thankful for my parents. They have been together for 25 years. I'm thankful for my brother because he's having another kid. I'm thankful I have a loving family.

Gabriel: I'm thankful for my mom for being with me through all the good times and bad times and for the food she provides me.

Kaleb: I'm thankful for God, my parents, and my family. Thank you for praying to God for me and providing us with the best things as possible. Happy Thanksgiving!

1st Trimester Awards

ACCELERATED READERS

Payton, LeAn, Dylan, Javier, Tessa, Gianna, Aiden, Ahmad, Jasdeep, Daisy, Albert, Vivian, Mellany, Oliver, Chyane, Wilmer

HIGHEST i-READY ACHIEVEMENT

Reading: Aiden Math: Dylan

HONOR ROLL

Daisy, LeAn, Payton, Chyane, Vivian, Jasdeep, Aiden, Dylan

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Aiden, Albert, Chyane, Daisy, Dylan, Genesis, Gianna, Jasdeep, Anjali, Julian, Kaleb, Kyri, LeAn, Mellany, Nazneen, Payton, Randy, Riley, Tessa, Vivian, Zarghuna



November Character Awards

RESPECT

Be considerate, use good manners, be tolerant of differences



Zarghuna



Anjali



Nazneen



Riley

Citizenship

Students that exemplify Rio Calaveras' guidelines:

**Safe
Responsible
Respectful**

NEWS

Events and Happenings in Room B1

STEM EDUCATION

Our class has been incorporating **Technology, Engineering,** and **Math** into our **Science** program since the beginning of the year. We focus on these areas together not only because the skills and knowledge in each discipline are essential for student success, but also because these fields are deeply intertwined in the real world and in how students learn most effectively.

So far, we have done 9 projects: Sun Dial, Hoop Glider, Catapults, Aerodynamics, Tower, Balloon Cars, Pumpkin Stands, and Helicopters. In December, we'll be doing more helicopters, and a fun Santa Rescue Operation activity.

Music Students 19-20



Rio Calaveras offers students a wonderful music program led by Ms. Andersen. In our class, 18 students signed up since the beginning of the school year. There are a variety of instruments to choose from. The music students go to music class twice a week for 40 minutes each time.

We are very happy that Rio Calaveras gives us an opportunity to expand our minds into the arts. We promise we will practice our instrument everyday.



Band: Oliver, Wilmer, Ahmad, Albert Julian, Anjali, Gianna, Payton



Strings: Dylan, Riley, Jasdeep, Aiden, Zarghuna Genesis, Thaliyah, Chyane, LeAn, Daisy



Art Appreciation



Studies have shown that involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. Finally, drawing, painting, and creating arts can be a relaxing, non-pressure activity that refreshes the mind.

For us in Mr. Pham's 5th grade class, art time is fun time! This year, we explore the relationships between lines, colors, shapes, space, and concepts. We recognize primary, secondary, and tertiary colors. We discover the meanings of perspectives and abstractions. We learn different drawing and painting techniques. We look into the minds of art masters and create our own works of art following their styles. Finally, we try our hands at photography using digital cameras and computer programs.

Please visit our website to see our artwork.

www.Journey5th.us



Turkey Laughs

Why can't you take a turkey to church?

- They use FOWL language.

Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving?

- A turkey because it is always stuffed!

What kind of music did the Pilgrims make?

- Plymouth Rock

What did baby corn say to mama corn?

- Where's pop corn?



Room B1 December fun

In the month of December, our class will celebrate the season with these activities:

- 1. Secret Santa.** We will pick names of our classmates and everyday we will give clues and little treats to them secretly and let them guess who is doing it. On December 20th, we will reveal "Secret Santas" and give each other a little present. It's going to be fun.
- 2. Decorating the class.** We will decorate the class and make Christmas cards.
- 3. Talent Show.** Our class talent show will be rocking with singing and dancing.
- 4 Finally...**

Winter Carnival

Our Class' Winter Carnival will be on **December 20, 2019**. All parents are invited. Although our classroom is small, if you have a moment, please visit our class and have fun with the students. You can come anytime between 10-12 or 1-2. We are glad to have you.

what's up

December 2
December 6

Secret Santa begins
Flea Market #2
Daisy's Birthday

December 11
December 12
December 13
December 19
December 21

Pajama Day
Chyane's Birthday
Class Talent Show
Pillar's Assembly
OUR CLASS' WINTER CARNIVAL

Dec. 23-Jan. 3
December 25

Winter Break
Merry Christmas
Mr. Pham's Birthday