

Rio Galaveras

The Class Times



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

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Drug Free Pledge



*I pledge allegiance to myself
and who I want to be.
'Cause I can make my dreams come
true if I believe in me.
I pledge to stay in school and learn
the things I need to know.
To make the world a better place
for kids like me to grow.
I pledge to keep my dreams alive
and be all that I can be.
I know I can, and that's because
I pledge to stay **Drug Free!***

This year's Red Ribbon Week was on the week of October 23-31, 2019. In our class, we talked about the dangers of drugs. We all stood up and took the **Drug-Free Pledge**. We pledged to grow up safe, healthy and drug free. We understood the dangers of drug use and abuse. We promised to respect ourselves and spread the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy. We also tied our red ribbons to the school fence to show our pledge to be drug free!

Room B1 Students & Teacher





Dear Parents,

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all parents (and students) who have taken the time to come to our classroom for conferences. It's a wonderful feeling knowing that parents support what we do in the classroom.

Please be assured that I ALWAYS have the students' best interest at heart. My **Mission Statement** posted on our class website is my guiding principal for every decision I make regarding your child's development as a person and as a student.

Conference week may end but communication is ongoing through our Learning Schedules, Newsletters, Class Website, and "Remind" text app. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Weekly Learning Schedule

With the promise that you will be informed of everything that's going on in the classroom, each week since the beginning of school, I have been sending home a **Learning Schedule** showing what we are doing in class in each subject. The Schedule also lists due dates for projects and test dates. Please take a look at this schedule and remind your child to pay attention to deadlines and know when a test is coming up. The Learning Schedule is also available on our class website at www.Journey5th.us for you to view or printout another copy if necessary. Although I always place responsibility on the students every chance I get, I realize that they are still very young, and do need reminders and encouragements.

Please make reading and homework a top priority at home, provide necessary supplies and a quiet environment, set aside a time every day when homework and reading should be done, provide praise and support, not allow children to avoid doing their homework, and contact me if you notice a problem.

We can do this-**TOGETHER!**

Thank you for your support.



October Character Awards

CARING

Feeling or showing concern or kindness to others



Vivian



Dylan



Daisy



Aiden

Citizenship

Students that exemplify Rio Calaveras' guidelines:
Safe – Responsible - Respectful



Lantern Festival

Celebrating Diversity

Many important events are based on the lunar calendar, and one special day, the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month, is set aside to celebrate the Mid-Autumn or Moon Festival.

According to the people of Vietnam, this is the day of the year when the moon shines the largest and brightest. It can occur any evening between late September and early October. The legend that accompanies this festival tells the story of *Hau Duy*, an Imperial officer and expert archer. He was called upon to shoot nine suns that had suddenly appeared in the sky. He was also an excellent architect and built a beautiful jade palace for the goddess of the Western Heaven. The goddess rewarded him with a pill of immortality and told to take it after one year of prayer. At home, *Hau Duy's* wife, *Hang Nga*, discovered it. She swallowed the pill and immediately soared to the moon. According to the legend, *Hang Nga's* beauty is the most radiant on the evening of the Moon festival.

Today, families get together to celebrate the Festival. It is a public holiday and adults enjoy an evening moon gazing while drinking tea and munching on moon cakes. Children meanwhile, make lanterns out of bamboo and color papers, parading through the streets singing songs. Houses with doors open will welcome the children and give out candies or prizes. *In the month of October, our class read a story about the traditions of the Moon Festival. We also made lanterns and hung them from the class ceiling. Mr. Pham made lanterns and paraded with other children when he was a child.*



Art Projects

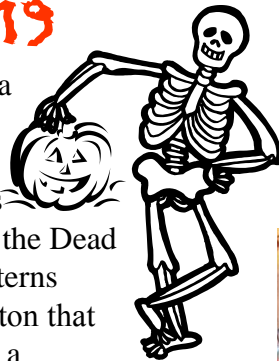
In October, we did 4 fun art projects: Lanterns, Calacas, Zombify, and painted a “Night Before Christmas” movie scene using tempera paint in the style of the artist Van Gogh. We hung our lanterns on the ceiling. The Calacas we taped to the wall. For the Zombie pictures, we posted on our website for Halloween. We do art to give ourselves a little time to take our minds off working and to relax. We have done many pieces of art and we have tried very hard to do our best on everything. We do our art based on other people and traditions.

The Oogly Spookies

Daisy, Payton, Zarghuna, Aiden, Kyri

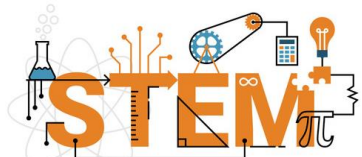
Halloween 2019

Halloween, the 31st of October, is a traditional occasion when kids go out and trick or treat for candy. Our classroom was decorated with spiders on the walls, papel picado for Day of the Dead hung from the ceiling, and jack-o-lanterns around the room. There’s also a skeleton that gave us jokes everyday. We will have a Halloween RoACH on Halloween, watch a movie, eat popcorn and candies. We love Halloween. We also won’t have homework on Halloween. It’s going to be a fun Halloween! Our class would like to thank to all the parents and students who brought goodies to share with us for our RoACH.



The Hallo-Weirdos

Anjali, Thaliyah, Gabriel, Kaleb



Science, Technology Engineering & Mathematics

For October, we did a STEM project called “Marshmallow Tower” connecting marshmallows together using toothpicks to make a standing tower. The next project was called “Balloon Cars.” We use index cards and 4 Life Savers Candies to make a car. Then we attached a balloon to the straw and blow it up. Finally we taped the straw to the balloon and let go. The air in the balloon pushes the car forward. It was a lot of fun doing STEM projects in class.

The Jack-o-Lanterns

Ahmad, Alessandro, Nazneen, Randy

#KindnessRocks



We learned that we can share our kindness through the #kindnessrocks project. Kindness rocks are rocks that you can place them around town to make people happy when they found them. We first picked out our rocks, chose our message, paint, and started painting. Our rocks was given to other classes at Rio. The recognition we had on Facebook was very popular. We were featured on Rio’s Facebook page and on the page of founder of #kindnessrocks project herself: Megan Murphy! She loved our imagination of creating and designing the rocks. The project was really great, and we had lots of fun.

The Grave Diggers

Dylan, Jasdeep, Chyane, Genesis



Multi-cultural Celebrations

In October, we celebrated multi-culture by making *papel picado*, lanterns and colored *Calacas*. We did the lanterns for the Lantern Festival. The *calacas* and *papel picado* are to celebrate the Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos). *Calacas* are skeleton figures to remember your family members that had passed away. You bring food to their *offrenda*. People celebrate the Day of the Dead by putting flowers, candles, and food around their loved ones’ graves.

It was fun learning about different traditions and making crafts.

The Dancing Skeletons

Tessa, Mellany, Albert, Oliver

Science Camp 2019

Science Camp is an outdoor school. We went to Science Camp on September 30 to October 4th. 17 students in our class participated in this year's Science Camp. It was a good experience but some of us were homesick. At Science Camp, we went on hikes, had s'mores, went to the beach and picnics. Our daily schedule consisted of breakfast, hikes, picnics, beach, lunch, apple time, recess, dinner, then we go to the fireplace, then sleep.

It was a fun learning experience for all of us.

The Sour Faces

LeAn, Gianna, Vivian, Aneva



Please visit our class website to see more Science Camp pictures. www.Journey5th.us



Technology Update

In October, we used Lexia and i-Ready to practice reading and math. We also went to our class website to check grades and look at the activity pictures. Edmodo is our class chatroom where we can communicate with each other and Mr. Pham. We can share fun things we did or ask for homework help. Finally we used Google Docs for our informative, narrative, and opinion writing.

For November, we will begin creating websites to upload our work like writings, poems, and other things. It's going to be great.

The Skull Troopers

Riley, Wilmer, Javier, Julian

THANKSGIVING RIDDLES



1. Farmer Gabriel has seventeen turkeys. All but nine broke through a hole in the fence and wandered away. How many were left?
2. What word is spelled wrong in every dictionary?
3. Name ten parts of the body that spelled with three letters each.
4. Randy just bought a live turkey from farmer Javier for Thanksgiving dinner. He brought the turkey to show-and-tell in class and asks: "What side of the turkey has more feathers?" Can you answer that question?
5. How many times can you subtract 6 from 30?
6. While wrestling for the same book from the classroom library, Ahmed and Alessandro accidentally ripped off pages 6, 7, 84, 111, 112. Can you tell how many sheets were torn from the book?
7. Mr. Pham tells the class, "Last week, I was 47 years old but next year I will turn 50." How is this possible? Can you explain it?

- Prizes for all who submitted answers. There will be a special prize for the most correct answers.
- Please write the date on your paper.
- Drop your answers in Mr. Pham's mailbox.
- The deadline for answers is November 20. Prizes will be given out on November 22. Solutions and winners will be posted in November's newsletter. Good luck.

Frightful Laughs

What do witches eat at the beach?

- A sandwich!!!

Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?

- Because he had nobody to go with! (no BODY)

What's a mummy's favorite music?

- Wrap (rap) music!

What type of roads do skeletons like to live on?

- Dead ends!



what's up

This is what's up in the month of November.

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| November 1 | 1 st Trimester ends - Berkeley Field Trip |
| November 11 | Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL |
| | LeAn's Birthday |
| November 13 | 1 st Trimester Report Card issued |
| November 20 | Mellany's Birthday |
| November 22 | Thanksgiving RoAch |
| November 25-29 | Thanksgiving break– NO SCHOOL |