



STATE TEST MONTH

Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

The class newsletter written and published by Mr. Pham's Fifth Grade Students - Class of 2019

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Class Academic Challenge

In preparation for the CAASPP testing, Room C7 students participated in an in-class academic challenge to review Reading, Science, and Math skills we've learned throughout the year.



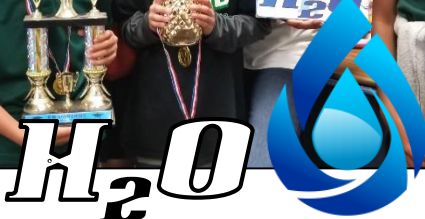
In true "game show" style, contestants from four groups (Earth, Wind, Fire, H₂O) pitted their knowledge against one another under different formats of competition.

After 3 weeks of heated and exciting competition, the **H₂O Group** came out on top in this year's challenge. **Group H₂O** was presented with the "Academic Challenge" 1st place trophy, a special prize for the whole group, and their picture will hang on Mr. Pham's class "Wall of Fame" forever!!! All groups received a prize and class money for their effort.



We had a great time playing. Hopefully, this review has refreshed our memories and helped us to do well on the state test.

Congratulations to all members of Groups Earth, Wind, Fire, and H₂O for your participation and exciting game play.





Dear Parents,

THANK YOU PARENTS!

After 3 weeks of testing that ran from April 1-19, we are done with the state (CAASPP) testing for this year!

I would like to thank all parents for your support and encouragements during testing days and not scheduling appointments or have any tardies. We almost had perfect class attendance for the duration of testing.

I am happy to announce that during testing, I observed that the students were trying their best and I am sure they all did well. Regardless, state testing is just one way to measure student's progress and a small part of everything we have done this year in 5th grade.

The test results will be mailed to parents during the summer.

End-of-Year Activities

We are reaching a point when the year starts winding down. In May, we will be starting the bridge building project and Revolutionary War activity, prepare for our class talent show, as well as continuing with our state report and Theme Park project. We will also be working on our Class Yearbook. Students will be kept busy until the end of the school year.

Please remind your child to end the year well and remember that class continues until the final day. We will have a lot of fun celebrating our 5th grade year but always be mindful of class and school rules. The school will not tolerate any acts of unruly behavior, especially in the last few weeks.

Thank you for your support
Toan Pham



April Character Counts!

FAIRNESS

Play by the rules - Take turns and share - Be open-minded; listen to others - Don't blame others carelessly.



**Topher
Fairness**



**Stephanie
Fairness**



**Jaylana
Citizenship**



**Michael
Citizenship**



Celebrating Diversity

Cambodian New Year was celebrated on April 14, 15, 16.

*We'd like to wish Jaylana, Lyeon, Jayden,
Deven, Malysa, and all their families a
Happy Cambodian New Year!*

Class Yearbook 2019

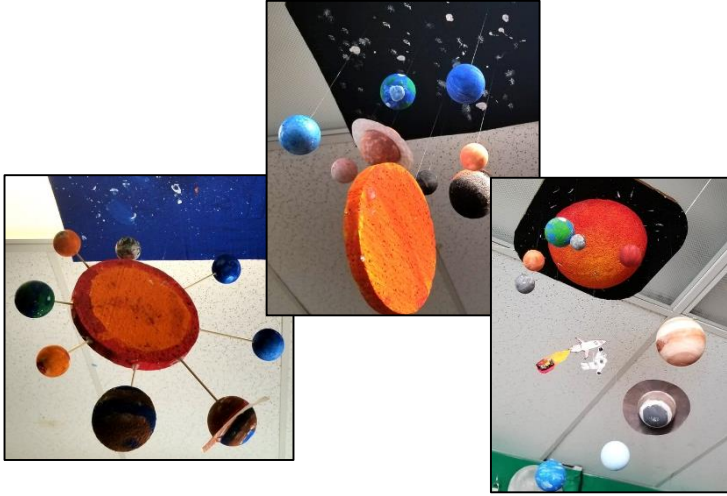
This is the last newsletter of the year!!! In the month of May, we will be working on our last class writing project:

THE CLASS YEARBOOK 2018-2019

This year has been memorable to all of the students and the teacher. Most of these memories will be treasured in our own Class Yearbook which will include writings and reflections from all the students in class. Especially, there will be lots and lots of pictures of the activities we did this year. We all met new friends and like it or not, all of us had spent this year together. We stayed together as a class. The Class Yearbook will help us remember our class memories big or small since the first day of school to the very last. We are really excited and are looking forward to publish this year-end yearbook. We can't wait to start.



Solar System Project



To understand the relationship between planets in our solar system, 8 groups of students worked on an assignment to design and build solar system models. For one week, the students worked together and painted foam balls, attached strings and hooks to cardboard with hot glue guns, and used other materials to portray as accurately as possible the colors and the order of the planets. At the end of the week, the solar system models were hung to the class ceiling and they all looked amazing! If you have a chance, please stop by our classroom and take a look.

It was fun building a model to understand the solar system.

"Friends-vs-Friends" Tournaments



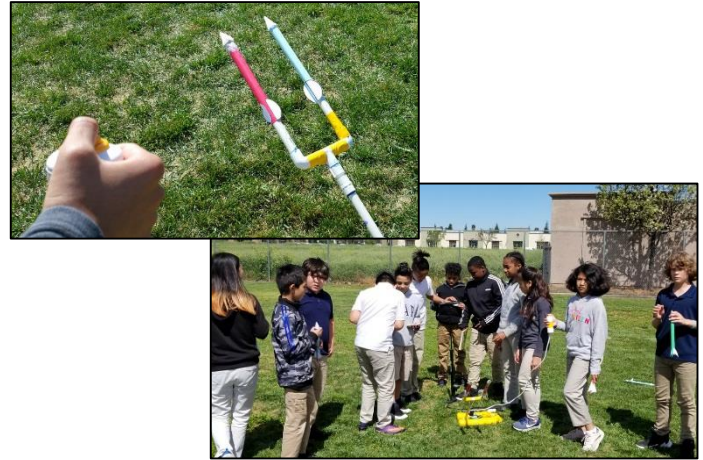
April 23-26 - The "Friends-vs-Friends" tournaments started this week with basketball and 4-Square. Students signed up and were divided into three basketball teams and four 4-Square groups. After 4 rounds of basketball competition, **Team Jayden** (Jayden R, Grant, Matthew) outlasted **Team Topher** (Topher, Carlos R, Ashir, Julian H) in two exciting games. In 4-Square ball, 16 players competed until 4 remained for the final. Carlos R, Stephanie, Jaylana, and Julian H battled through 5 thrilling minutes with **Carlos R** won the match at the last second!!! Congratulations to the winners! Everyone who competed in these tournaments had a lot of fun.

Air Rockets

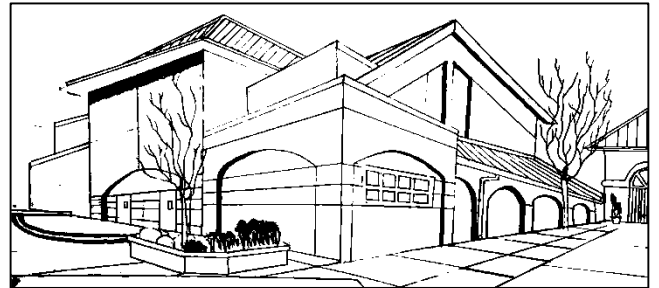
After finishing our STEM Rocket project using paper and straws, we moved up to launching rockets using an air-powered launcher that was built using PVC pipes and a sprinkler head. Students built their paper rockets rolled with pipes instead of pencils like we did with straw rockets. They are encouraged to use different cone models and various fin types to build aerodynamic rockets. Finally, they personalized their rockets with cool names like "Doorbell", "Chucky 2.0", "Plunger IX", "Banana Tree", "Sharknado"... The results were incredible as the rockets flew over 250 ft. in the air!

After five rounds of class distance competition, Matthew (Plunger XVII) and Topher (Sky Rocket) were crowned 2019 Air Rocket Champions.

It was a lot of fun building and launching rockets.



2-Point Perspective Drawing



After practicing with perspective drawings in class, our class took what we've learned and went outside on the school grounds to draw different 2-point perspective buildings. **Perspective** is a drawing method that shows how things appear to get smaller as they get further away, converging towards one (or two) 'vanishing point' on the **horizon** line. It is a way of drawing objects upon a flat piece of paper (or other drawing surface) so that they look three-dimensional and realistic. We enjoyed going outside and draw.

Mr. Pham's Class ART EXHIBIT



Throughout this year, Room C7 students have been improving their art skills through a weekly Art Appreciation period. We used different mediums like crayons, tempera paint, pastel, watercolor, and charcoal to create various works of arts. 8 students also got chosen to represent our class in the 88th Annual McKee Art contest at the Haggin Museum.

To showcase the our creations, each student chose 1 or 2 of their favorite works to be displayed in Rio Calaveras library in the month of May. We've received many compliments because our artwork looks so amazing.

Good job artists!!!

Please checkout the Art Exhibit pictures on our class website: www.ourclass.us

Classroom MAY Updates



STATE REPORT - Our class started the State Report research assignment in April. The State Report consists of 5 parts: Research, Writing, Drawing, a Webpage to display state information, and finally, the students will produce a visitor's guide Video to advertise their state. Due Date: May 24.

TALENT SHOW – It's the time to prepare for the annual Room C7 Class Talent Show. The students will choose an act they would like to perform like singing, dancing, acting, poetry reading, cheerleading, playing an instrument, do a comedy, tell jokes, juggling etc. Even Mr. Pham will be showcasing his "wonderful" talent for the class. The performance is scheduled for May 17.

BRIDGE BUILDING PROJECT – During Math time in May, Room C7 students will be involved in a fun and exciting Math application activity: Bridge Building! We will be constructing bridges out of toothpicks! At the end of the activity, each bridge will be tested for strength to see how much weight it can hold before collapsing. This will be a fun learning experience for all.

THEME PARK PROJECT– We are working on designing our own Theme Park using shapes, geometry, coordinates, and creativity.

what's up

May 3	Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 5	Tyeon's Birthday
May 6–10	MAP Testing
May 7	Bridge Project Begins
May 8	Mother's Day Art Activity
May 10	AR Ends
	Multiculture Faire
May 12	Mother's Day
May 15	Class Reward Fieldtrip
May 16	Pillar Assembly
May 17	Class Talent Show
May 20	School AR Rewards
	Topher's Birthday
May 21	5 th Grade Walking Fieldtrip
May 24	Class Birthdays Celebration
	Yearbook Signing Party
May 27	Memorial Day – No School
May 28	Class Carnival
May 29	3 RD Trimester Report Card
	1:45 Awards Assembly
	Last day of school
	Have a Great Summer!!!

5TH GRADE YEAR ENDS!