

August 2018

# Rio Calaveras

## The Class Times

Welcome Back



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



# Welcome to our Class!

# 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Michael, Deven, Faith, Jayden F.  
Lyeon, Tyeon, Carlos M.  
Emma, Jamar, Stephanie  
Nina, Henry, Carlos R.  
Malindy, Skylar, Sharlene, Ashir  
Grant, Gabriel, Julian S.  
Eduardo, Matthew, Sophia,  
Yohan, Olivia, Julian H.  
Aaron, Christopher, Taanvi  
Malyssa, Jaylana, Jayden R.

Our class is made up of 32 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**





**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 is awesome and my teacher is pretty... UGLY! This class is funny and awesome.

This class makes me not shy and quiet anymore. This year is going to be fun and I'm Queen T. Which means I'm going to rule the classroom.

**Taanvi**

So far I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is great. I enjoy the STEM projects and Friday Art. It's a little harder this year but also fun!



**Skylar**

5<sup>th</sup> grade is going pretty well. I think Mr. was mean when he was little. I am set for a good year with



Mr. Pham. He is funny, pretty, and very "ugly." I will do well in this class.

**Grant**

I think this year would be a fun year because I will be learning new math so I can get good grades. I have a pretty weird teacher. I think he will help us to be ready for next year. **Gabriel**



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is challenging and fun at the same time and this year has started off well so I hope it

Continues. This class is very funny and full of humor. Also, this year has been great because we have people full of happiness. **Sophia**

I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is the best. It's hard work but it's going to be great because it's fun.

**Sharlene**



I think this class is going to be awesome with the STEM projects and art.

There's way more to do. I think it's going to be a cool year.

**Topher**

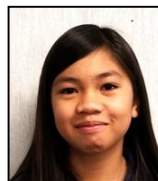


This class is interesting and very fun, active, and funny. This year is starting out very fun and different than other years. I'm liking this class so far. I hope I have a good year. **Stephanie**

5<sup>th</sup> grade is pretty good so far. I hope my year goes well. I hope this year will be fun.



**Olivia**

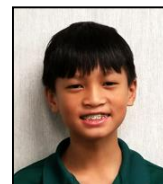


I think that 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be fun. It's amazing. We may have some bad days but I know we'll get through.

I hope we'll have a good year.

**Nina**

5<sup>th</sup> grade is so fun and great. We drew pigs and painted color wheels. We won the AR board and we made Pac-Man. I also liked that Mr. Pham makes so many jokes that are not even funny but my classmates still laugh. **Matthew**



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade so far is very fun and awesome. My class is imaginative and creative. This is the best year ever.

**Lyeon**



**Faith**

I think that this year so far has been fun. It's also going to be challenging. It's different from 4<sup>th</sup> grade but It's good to me.

I think Mr. Pham is cool and even though our classroom is small, it's still good. I also like the class money. I will try to be a better student this year.



**Tyeon**



**Ashir**

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**Jamar**



**Deven**

What I like is the RoAch's and STEM projects. We also get to do art and play games with friends. It's fun.

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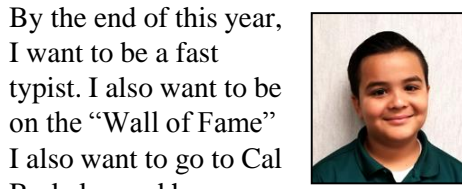


**Aaron**



**Carlos M.**

So far, it's a little tough but I think I can keep up. This is a very different class. I think it will be fun.



**Jayden R.**

By the end of this year, I want to be a fast typist. I also want to be on the "Wall of Fame" I also want to go to Cal Berkeley and have a Career in engineering or medical field.



**Carlos R.**

My goals for this year is to achieve my AR goals. I really want to master the saxophone and finish reading the "A Series of Unfortunate Events" books. I want to succeed in school and go to college.

My goals this year are trying my best on very given assignment and being a good student. My future gol is going to Delta college and get a good job.



**Jayden F.**



**Emma**

My goal for this year is to learn a lot of new things and making AR goals for all three trimesters. I also want to be good in art and be recognized on the "Wall of Fame."

My goal for this year is to be a better student. In the future, I want to go to Delta College and be a police officer.



**Henry**



**Malindy**

My goals for this year is to learn how to sketch and color better . I also want to learn how to write in cursive better.

I want to go to Delta college and be an actress when I grow up.

My goals for this year are to do all my homework and get better at tetherball. I'd like to go to college some day and get a good job. **Yohan**



# Goals & Dreams

This year, my goals are to be on the "Wall of Fame" a lot of times, get a ton of money and also make Mr. Pham look like Grandma P. I want to go to UCLA.



**Michael**



**Julian S.**

My goals this year are to pass Math, Reading, and S. Studies. I want to go to St. Mary's and the college is UOP or Delta so I can be a pro soccer player.

This year, my goal is to make new friends. I want to get better at math, reading, and writing. My future goals are to go to college and be an artist.

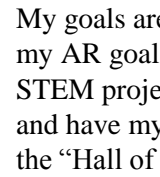


**Malyssa**



**Julian H.**

My goal for this year is to complete all my homework and get good grades on my report card. I want to go to UCLA and then go to UOP to get my doctorate.



**Jaylana**

My goals are to make my AR goals, do all STEM project s well, and have my picture on the "Hall of Fame" and to accomplish all the art in this class. My future goals are to go to college and be a pharmacist.

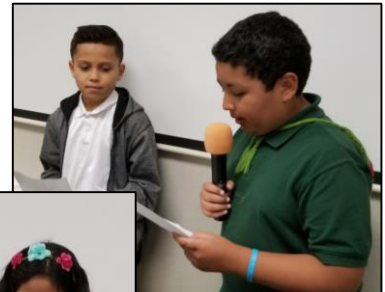


I want to try harder to at least get Honor Roll or Principal's Honor Roll. **Eduardo**

My goals for this year are to work harder, do my best in all projects, and to set goals and achieve them. For the future,



Showing off our drawings during art time.



Julian, Carlos, Jaylana and Malysa did the friend interview and introduction to the class.



Solving puzzles using tangrams.



Testing out Sundials for a STEM project



Making hoop gliders.

There are a lot more pictures on our class website.



Learning how to mix paint for our Color Wheels.

## Classroom Website

<http://ourclass.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 a number of online programs both social and academic that our class is using this year:

- Edmodo
- Google Classroom
- Typing Club
- Accelerated Reader
- Website
- Khan Academy

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:

- 9/05 – Labor Day  
NO SCHOOL
- 9/08 – Rio Jog-a-thon
- 9/09 – Skylar's Birthday
- 9/17 – Book Faire Week
- 9/19 – 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Progress Report
- 9/24 – No School