



Black History Month

Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

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February 2019 Black History Month

In February, all of America honored the people that made this country great.

These Americans had gone through many hardships and overcame difficult challenges to become great men and women in government, education, science, sports, music, and gave us great examples to follow.

These are some of the people we admired for their courage, leadership, and achievements. We also strongly believed that everyone has a right to a free life and free expression of ideas.

In our class, we were divided into groups of two to do research on a famous African American personality or a significant event using Google Slides. We then recorded our voice and video and presented it to the class.

We enjoyed this project very much as we learned a lot about people and events that changed our way of life.



Celebrating
Diversity



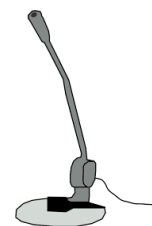
Emma & Jaylana



Working on our Black History Report



Matthew & Carlos R.



Faith & Malindy



Christopher & Gabriel



Olivia & Sharlene



Dear Parents,

3rd Trimester Begins

This year has gone by so fast. As we go in to the last Trimester of 5th grade, I ask all parents to continue to support your child in their learning effort. Usually, toward the end of the year, students will begin to let go and not have the same excitement for school like they did at the beginning of the year. In class, we continue on with our curriculum, assignments, and projects. I will do everything I can to keep your child engaged and motivated. At home, please remind/enforce homework and reading time and not let your child make excuses for not fulfilling their responsibility.

Thank you for your support.



Rio Calaveras will have its annual Open House on March 5 from

7:50-10:00. Please save the date on your calendar to come and visit our class and go through some learning activities with your child as well as see your child in the classroom environment.

Hope to see you there.

Spring Break



Spring Break this year will be from March 18 to March 22. During the break, every student is required to read everyday for at least 30 minutes. There will be various activities posted on our class Google Drive folder that students can do to get extra credit. Thank you for your support.

February Character Awards



Faith



Malysa

KINDNESS

Be kind - Be compassionate and show you care - Express gratitude - Forgive others - Help people in need



Jayden R.



Malindy

Citizenship



Lunar New Year Celebration

Our class celebrated Lunar New Year on February 1st in the classroom. Mr. Pham gave us a brief history of the Lunar New Year and showed a video about how the New Year is

celebrated in different Asian cultures. He then handed out the "Red Envelope" with a special Year of the Pig money inside to wish us good fortune through the New Year 2019. Afterwards, we played a special Lunar New Year game using class money.

It was a lot of fun learning about Lunar New Year and playing games in the classroom.



More pictures on our class website. Please take a look. www.ourclass.us



P.E. Update: Physical Fitness

In the upcoming month of March, Room C7 students will begin to Practice every week to prepare for our Physical Fitness Test in April.



We already attempted push-ups, curl-ups and running a mile. But we'll push more, curl more, and run a lot more in March. Not only we are building up our bodies for the grueling test, we also are learning to live a healthy life through eating right and keeping active.

February STEM Projects

We spent February's STEM periods working with Squishy Circuits and Ozobots. Squishy Circuits are really fun learning with play-dough and LED lights. We created simple series and parallel circuits and learned how circuitry works. Ozobots are mini robots that can be programmed to follow different color lines. We also used the computer to program Ozobots to do cool tricks. We will have an "Ozobot Carnival" in a few weeks running different programs for Ozobots.

SCIENCE: Water Cycle Model

For our final project in the Ecology Unit, each group will build a "Water Cycle Model" to see how much water is collected as it goes through the stages of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation. Stay tuned for more details and pictures.

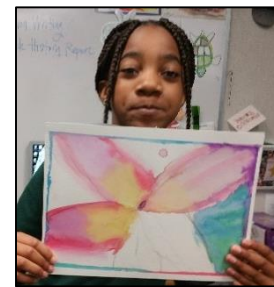
Technology Update

During February, we used these technology to enhance our 5th grade curriculum:

1. **Google Slides** to create our Black History Reports. Instead of presenting it to the class, each group will video the presentation and record their voices using Screencastify.
2. **Student Websites.** We each created our own website and personalized it with our favorite things. We also have a blog site and a game page along with pages to upload our reports.
3. **Combat Coding.** We learned JavaScript by writing codes to guide our heroes to collect gems. This is really fun.
4. **MobyMax.** This is a learning program to help us improve in math and preparing for the state test.

O'Keefe Flowers

Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) was an American artist. She was best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers, New York skyscrapers, and New Mexico landscapes. O'Keeffe has been recognized as the "Mother of American modernism". We used her art style to create our own enlarged flowers using watercolors. It was a fun project.



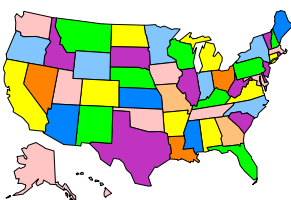
The Art Gallery is on our class website

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Valentine Challenge 2019



This year's Valentine's Day was a very fun occasion. Mr. Pham had us make Valentine containers to hold cards, grams, and candies. This is also a competition to see who can create the best looking container. The results: **Gabriel, Matthew, Taanvi** and **Ninareceived** prizes for having the best containers. No matter who won, we all had a blast making containers and a wonderful Valentine day with candies and received a lot of cards and grams. We also had a RoAch at the end of the day. Pictures of all the Valentine Containers are on our class website.



State Report

NOTICE: Our 2nd State Report will begin after Spring Break. Stay tuned for more details...

Brain Teasers

Words that sound alike or look alike often have meaning that are not alike at all! Decide which word is the correct one and circle it.

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| 1. A result | affect / effect |
| 2. A heavenly body | angel / angle |
| 3. Second in a series of two | later / latter |
| 4. To take that which is offered | accept / except |
| 5. To stop | quiet / quit /quite |
| 6. In any case | any way / anyway |
| 7. Unlawful | elicit / illicit |
| 8. Writing paper | stationary / stationery |
| 9. Complete | thorough / through |
| 10. To go forward | precede / proceed |
| 11. To prove something is false | disapprove / disprove |

what's up

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| March 5 | AVID Open House |
| March 6 | Trimester 2 Report Card |
| March 12 | AR Rewards |
| March 13 | Awards' Assembly |
| March 15 | Spring RoAch |
| | Spirit: Super Hero Day |
| March 18-22 | Spring Break |
| March 25 | Debate Challenge |
| March 27 | Julian S' Birthday |
| March 28 | Pillar Assembly |
| March 29 | PTA Game Night |