

November 2018



Rio Calaveras

The Class Times

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

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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 Principal, Mrs. Mata
- The Office Staff: Ms. Alma, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Song, and Ms. Tai
- Mrs. Morales, Ms. Attaway, Ms. Martinez, Mr. Cook
- Mr. James, Ms. Andersen, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Johnson
- Mrs. Yolanda and the Cafeteria Staff.
- Mr. John, Mr. Lee, 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 C7



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR...



Christopher: My parents and the food they provided me. They've been with me through the good times and the bad times.

Nina: My loving family, for the house they give me. One more thing I'm thankful for is my friends, they keep me company while I'm sad so when it's time to go, I'll miss them all.

Deven: My mom and dad letting me play Fortnite every day, and they help me when I'm sick. They buy food for me whenever I'm hungry.

Malindy: My family and all the things I have because of them.

Carlos R: Being in this class, my friends, and my loving family because my loved ones and friends are the ones who make me, me. Especially my mom and dad, they are the people who feed and shelter me and without them I would have nothing. :D

Emma: My family, friends, and my school. I am thankful for the soldiers fighting for our country and keeping us safe.

Jayden R: That I have food, shelter, clothing and my family that has taken care of me all my life.

Matthew: My Rio teachers and for making me laugh. My family for the love they have for me through the years. My friends in this class.

Grant: My Dad, because he has saved my life many times. I am also very thankful for my Mom, because she provides us with food by going shopping, which is quite boring.

Skylar: My family, including my dog. My family provides me food, shelter, and love. My dad works very hard for money for the family, my mom makes delicious food, and my dog is my last sibling I have since all my other siblings have gone to college or work. My dog Marshall also protects my family and me.

Taanvi: My family for giving food to me, taking me to places I want to go. Also I thankful of my grandparents to take care of my dog in Fiji.

Jamar: Mr. James. He helps me to learn every day.

Michael: My food and my family. I'm also thankful for my friends who play with me everyday.

Gabriel: Every thing that is in my life such as my beautiful teacher and my family that provided me with shelter, food, and the chance to go to school.

Tyeon: Having a mom that takes care of me and a brother that spends time with me. I'm also thankful for having a warm house that is very safe.

Ashir: My family because they stay beside me when I feel down. I'm thankful for Thank giving because we can spend time together.

Julian S.: The Veterans who sacrificed themselves for our freedom. I'm also thankful for the food that we have along with a house.

Julian H: My computer my Mom bought me so I can do my homework.

Faith: My family and my pets for making me feel better when I'm sad and for having good and healthy food on the table and clean water.

Jayden F: My family, food to survive, and for medicine so I won't be sick.

Jaylana: The shelter and food my parents provided me. I am also thankful for the clothes and money that they also provided me.

Henry: My family for take care of me and for the house so we live in, the good food, and the games.

Malysa: My mom that always love me. I'm thankful for my friends because they keep me company when I'm in school.

Olivia: My family, for the house and food they give, the life that God has given me, friends, schools, for giving us the ability to learn and have an education to be ready for the future. I am also thankful for the teachers.

Sophia: My parents which cooks me food, my sister which keeps me company, and my friends for making me overcome my shyness.

Sharlene: My home and family for providing food and working hard.

Lyeon: My family that cares for me all the time, and how they love me. My parents help me if I am sick or I'm having trouble with something. I am also thankful for the shelter and food that is provided for our family and our grandparents.

Carlos M: Having a house to stay in. I'm thankful for having a school.

Eduardo: My life. It is the only chance I get to be alive and experience life.

When I was born my parents were really proud and happy. I get to be a kid growing up. This is the best thing you could have. Without life, we would enjoy family, have pets or anything else. I'm truly grateful for my life.

Stephanie: My parents because they work so hard so we can have shelter, food, and clothing.

Aaron: My family: Mom, Dad, and my brother because my mom takes care of me. My dad plays with me, and my brother plays soccer with me.

Yohan: My mom and dad buying me clothes and food, and taking me to places like the mall or LA.

teacher's corner

1st Trimester Report Card

Report cards went home last Wednesday, November 14. Grades are given in rubric format in relation to the 5th grade standards. Here is the percentage range for each of the rubric score:
4 = Exceed standard (99-100%)
3 = At standard (70% - 98%)
2 = Near standard (40% - 69%)
1 = Below standard (1% - 39%)

The goal is for all students to reach the score of 3 or "At Standard". Please encourage your child to continue to do well or try harder in the 2nd Trimester.

Included with the report card is a gradebook copy which gives the percentage grades your child received for the 1st Trimester. The final, detailed 1st Trimester grades are posted on our website. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you!
Toan Pham

POETRY OUT LOUD



NEWS

Events and Happenings in Room C7

1st Trimester Awards

ACCELERATED READERS

Stephanie, Grant, Jaylana, Michael, Nina, Malindy, Skylar, Ashir, Carlos R., Julian S., Christopher, Taanvi, Jayden R., Eduardo, Matthew, Sophia

HIGHEST MAP ACHIEVEMENT

Reading: Matthew **Math:** Matthew **Science:** Christopher

HONOR ROLL

Stephanie, Grant, Jaylana, Nina, Skylar, Carlos R., Christopher, Taanvi, Jayden R., Matthew, Sophia

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Deven, Stephanie, Emma, Jayden F, Henry, Malindy, Skylar, Ashir, Sophia, Matthew, Julian S, Christopher, Taanvi, Olivia, Michael

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.

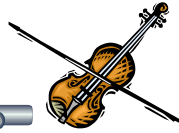
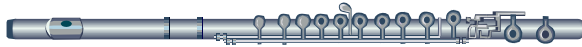
So far, we have done 7 projects: Sun Dial, Hoop Glider, Catapults, Aerodynamics, Tower, Balloon Cars, and Helicopters. In November and December, we'll be doing more helicopters, and a fun Santa Rescue Operation activity.

The 4th annual classroom "Poetry Out Loud!" was held on Thursday and Friday, November 8, 9. Students have been working hard writing their quatrain poems for the last 2 weeks and are ready to present. Quatrain poems consist of 4 lines in each stanza with distinct rhyming patterns. The emphasis is on writing and performance, not competition. Students can use props, pictures, or movements to enhance their reciting of the poem. Videos and pictures of the performances are **posted on our class website** and poems of all poets will go on their own student-created websites.

Many wonderful poets were discovered during this "Poetry Out Loud" event. The students presented under our classroom spotlights and did great!

Good job poets!

Music Students 18-19



Rio Calaveras offers students a wonderful music program led by Ms. Andersen. In our class, 16 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.



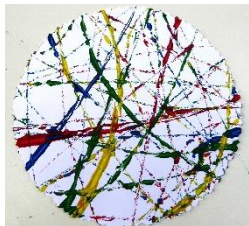
Band:

Carlos R., Henry, Christopher, Aaron, Grant, Yohan



Strings: (top row, from left) Olivia, Taanvi, Stephanie, Jaylana, Matthew (bottom row) Nina, Sophia, Skylar, Lyeon, Deven

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 team work. 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 art work.

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Turkey Laughs

Why can't you take a turkey to church?

- They use FOWL language.

Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving?

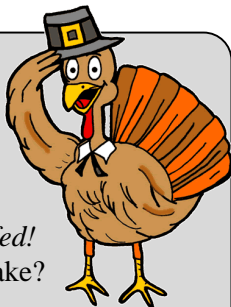
- A turkey because it is always stuffed!

What kind of music did the Pilgrims make?

- Plymouth Rock

What did baby corn say to mama corn?

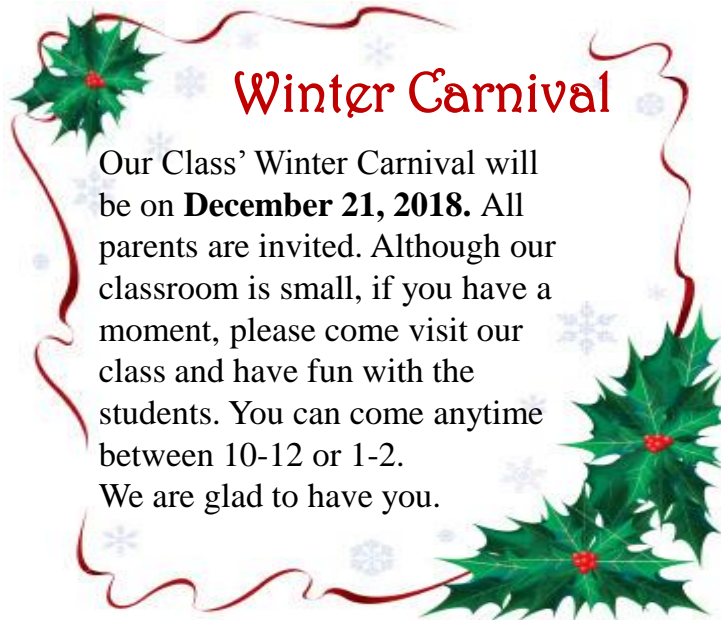
- Where's pop corn?



Room C7 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 21st, 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. Finally...**



Winter Carnival

Our Class' Winter Carnival will be on **December 21, 2018**. All parents are invited. Although our classroom is small, if you have a moment, please come 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

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| December 6 | Sharlene's Birthday |
| December 7 | Flea Market #2 |
| December 10 | Carlos R's Birthday |
| December 11 | Julian H's Birthday |
| December 13 | Pajamas Day |
| December 14 | Class Talent Show |
| December 20 | Pillar's Assembly |
| December 21 | OUR CLASS' WINTER CARNIVAL |
| Dec. 24-Jan. 4 | Winter Break |
| December 25 | Merry Christmas |
| | Mr. Pham's Birthday |