



Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

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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, 2018. In our class, we talked about the dangers of drugs. We created a door banner to show our determination not to use 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 and drug free.

**Room C7 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 I 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, and Class Website Contact Form. 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.ourclass.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

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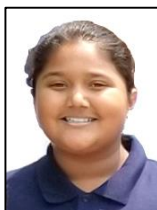
Feeling or showing concern or kindness to others



Nina



Lyeon



Sharlene



Jayden F.

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: Moon Lantern, Calacas, Zombify, and painted a “Night Before Christmas” movie scene

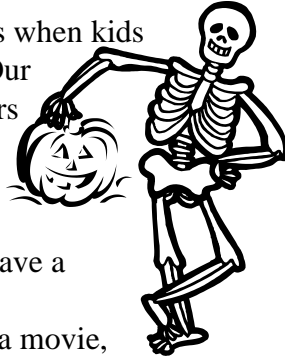
using tempera paint in the style of the artist Van Gogh. We hung our lanterns on the ceiling. The Calacas we taped to the wall. For the Zombie pictures, we posted on our website for Halloween. We will finish the Van Gogh art work this week and put pictures on our website. It’s a lot of fun doing art.

The Soul Stealers

Sharlene, Tyeon, Michael, Jaylana

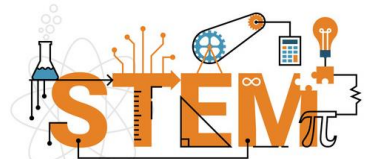
Halloween 2018

Halloween, the 31st of October, is when kids go out and trick or treat for candy. Our classroom was decorated with spiders on the walls, skeletons hung from the ceiling, and jack-o-lanterns around the room. In our opinion, we think the class looks cool. We will have a Halloween RoAch (*Recognition of Achievement*) on Halloween, watch a movie, eat popcorn and candies. We love Halloween. We can dress up in all kinds of costumes. 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 Spooky Scary Skeletons

Aaron, Nina, Malyssa, Julian S.



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

Emma, Faith, Yohan, Jayden F.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was on October 23-31 to remind us to “Travel Drug-Free” in our life. There was a door competition at Rio and all groups in the class did a door design. Group 8’s design by Matthew, Skylar, Sophia, and Gabriel was chosen by the class to build our door. It was a cool door with a great message. The doors were judged on Friday 10/27. The winning door will get donuts. Although we didn’t win, we did a good job and had a fun time. Mr. Pham promised he will buy donuts for us sometimes during the year. Yay!!!



The Hallows

Grant, Ashir, Jamar, Carlos R.

SCIENCE UPDATE

We learned about physical and chemical reactions and did experiments such as “elephant toothpaste” and the mixture of water and Alka-Seltzer. Physical changes can be reversed, but chemical changes cannot. An example of physical change is water into ice. An example of a chemical change is vinegar and baking soda which will give off heat and carbon dioxide. We will do more experiments in November.

The Haunted Group

Christopher, Taanvi, Henry, Stephanie



Multi-cultural Celebrations

In October, we celebrated multi-culture by making lanterns and *Calacas*. The lanterns represent the Asian cultural even called Moon Festival. The lanterns light up and go into the air. The calacas 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.

The Deadly Ghosts

Olivia, Malindy, Deven, Julian H.

Science Camp 2018

On October 1-5, 20 students in our class, along with other 5th graders, went to Science Camp at Jones Gulch to experience hikings, beach days, and other exciting activities.

The daily schedule: wake up, eat breakfast, each group does a different activity, eat lunch, more activities, campfire, sing songs, and then to bed. Here are our thoughts about Science Camp.

Matthew: My favorite part of Science Camp was going to the beach because I get to feel a hermit crab crawling on my hands.

Sophia: My favorite experience was when we went to the beach and saw a starfish eating something.

Gabriel: My favorite part was fort-building.

Skylar: My experience was horrifically awesome because I got to draw on the last day. ☺

The Hallo-weirdos

Matthew, Gabriel, Skylar, Sophia



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



Technology Update

In October, we used Lexia and Khan Academy to practice reading and math. We also used the website to check grades. 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 started to use Google Docs for 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

Lyeon, Monterey, Jayden R, Carlos M.

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. Jayden R. just bought a live turkey from the farmer Topher 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, Julian S. and Julian H. 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 45 years old but next year I will turn 48." How is this be 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 "PhamMail." or submit online.
- The deadline for answers is November 14. Prizes will be given out on November 16. 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 2 | 1 st Trimester ends |
| November 7 | Jayden F's Birthday |
| November 8 | Jayden R's Birthday |
| November 12 | Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL |
| November 14 | 1 st Trimester Report Card issued |
| November 16 | Thanksgiving RoAch |
| November 19-13 | Thanksgiving break– NO SCHOOL |