



Black History Month

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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.

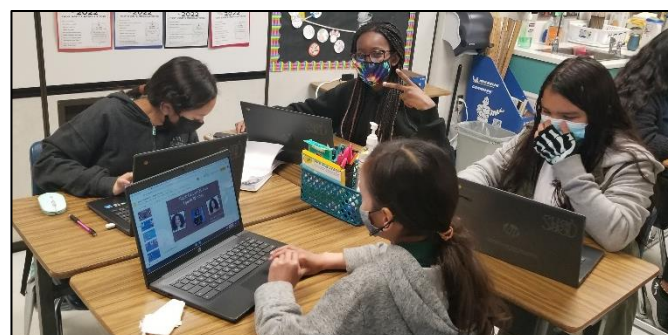
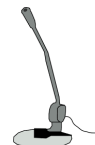
These are some of the people we admired for their courage, leadership, and achievements. We also strongly believed that everyone has a right to a free life and free expression of ideas.

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.



Working on our Black History Report



Celebrating
Diversity

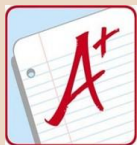


Dear Parents,

3rd Trimester Begins

This year has gone by so fast. As we go into 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.



2nd Trimester Report Card

Report cards will go next week. 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 (98-100%)
- 3 = At Standard (70% - 97%)
- 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 give more effort in the 3rd Trimester. As always, please let me know if you have questions or concerns. Thank you!

Spring Break

Spring Break will be from March 14 to March 18.



February Character Awards

KINDNESS

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



Isacc



Asusena

Citizenship



Nayeli



Mateo

HAGGIN MUSEUM

91st Annual McKee Student Art Contest & Exhibition



Room B1's 5th Grade celebrates 5 artists in class that have their artworks displayed in the Haggin Museum's 91st Annual McKee Student Art Exhibit. This event features the work of student artists from grade K-12 from schools in San Joaquin County. **Xiaoqing, Natalie, Cassandra, Jerica, and Raina** did a great job with their art pieces and were selected to represent our class and Rio Calaveras Elementary.

Congratulations to Cassandra as her "Picasso Faces" pastel artwork was given the Honorable Mention Award for Outstanding Art. We are so proud Cassandra and all of our artists' achievements.



The Haggin Museum pictures are on our class website.

Friends-vs-Friends Tournament



Room B1's "Friends-vs-Friends" Tournament is year-long friendly competition in 5 sports: 4-Square, Tether Ball, Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer. Natalie won the 4-Square back in October, and Dasanny was the Tetherball champion

last November. In February, Team 4: Dasanny, Isacc, Ryan, Jonathan, Rosalie, and Amelia won the Volleyball Tournament. In March, April, and May, we will compete in Basketball, and Soccer. It's going to be fun competing with each other for the Giraffe Award.

Watercolor Paintings

In February, we continued with our Watercolor paintings as we painted a sunset scene and wild flowers in the field. We enjoyed painting with watercolors.



SCIENCE: Water Cycle Model

For our final project in the Earth's Systems Unit, each group built 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 of the group that reclaims the most water.



Preston, Raul, and John putting together their group's Water Cycle Model.



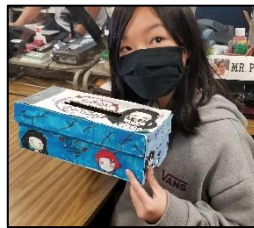
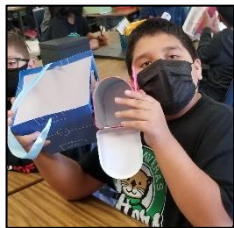
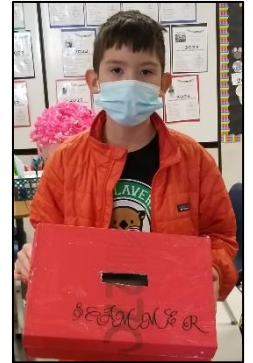
All of our Water Cycle Models out on the yard soaking up the sun to reclaim water.

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 directly presenting it to the class, each group will video the presentation and record our voices and videos using Screencastify.
2. **Student Websites.** We each created our own website and personalized it with our favorite things. We will also create a blog site and a game page along with pages to upload our reports.
3. **Raspberry Pi.** We learned how to put a Raspberry Pi computer together, loaded games, and played the game console during our STEM time.





Valentine 2022

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: **Amelia, Alasia, Preston, Thomas, and Jonathan** received 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. ♥♥♥

what's up

- March 1 Mateo's Birthday
- March 2 Trimester 2 Report Card
- March 4 Asusena's Birthday
- Flea Market #3
- March 9 Awards Assembly
- March 11 Spring RoAch
- March 14-18 Spring Break
- March 18 Thomas's Birthday
- March 20 Aristan's Birthday