



Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

STATE TEST MONTH

The class newsletter written and published by Mr. Pham's Fifth Grade Students - Class of 2022

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Class Academic Challenge

In preparation for the CAASPP testing, Room B1 students participated in an in-class academic challenge to review Reading, Science, and Math skills we've learned throughout the year.



After 3 weeks of heated and exciting competition, the **EARTH Group** came out on top in this year's challenge. **Group EARTH** was presented with the "Academic Challenge" 1st place trophy, a special prize for the whole group, and their picture will hang on Mr. Pham's class "Wall of Fame" forever!!! All groups received medals, a prize, and class money for their effort.



In true "game show" style, contestants from four groups (Earth, Wind, Fire, H₂O) pitted their knowledge against one another under different formats of competition.



We had a great time playing. Hopefully, this review has refreshed our memories and helped us to do well on the state test.

Congratulations to all members of Groups Earth, Wind, Fire, and H₂O for your participation and exciting game play.





Dear Parents,

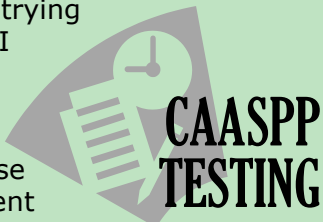
Thank you, Parents!

After 3 weeks of testing that ran from March 27-April 12, we are done with the state (CAASPP) testing for this year!

I would like to thank all parents for your support and encouragements during testing days and not scheduling appointments or have any tardies. We almost had perfect class attendance for the duration of testing.

I am happy to announce that during testing, I observed that the students were trying their best and I am sure they all did well.

We also appreciate those parents who sent snacks during the testing period for us.



End-of-Year Activities

We are reaching a point when the year starts winding down. We are starting bridge building project and State Report Research Project, preparing for our class talent show, as well as continuing with our Solar System Report and Moon Phases. We will also be working on our Class Yearbook. I will continue to keep students motivated and engaged until the end of the school year.

Please remind your child to end the year well and remember that class continues until the final day. We will have a lot of fun celebrating our 5th grade year but always be mindful of class and school rules. The school will not tolerate any acts of unruly behavior, especially in the last few weeks. Thank you for your support.



April Character Counts!

FAIRNESS

Play by the rules - Take turns and share - Be open-minded; listen to others - Don't blame others carelessly.



Gianna
Fairness



Auren
Fairness



Janessa
Citizenship



Ryan
Citizenship



Celebrating Diversity

Cambodian New Year was celebrated on April 14, 15, 16.

We'd like to wish Ryan, Aristan, Auren and their families a

Happy Cambodian New Year!

Class Yearbook 2022

This is the last newsletter of the year!!! In the month of May, we will be working on our last class writing project:

THE CLASS YEARBOOK 2021-2022

This year has been memorable to all the students and the teacher. A lot of these memories will be treasured in our own Class Yearbook which will include writings and reflections from all the students in class. Especially, there will be lots and lots of pictures of the activities we did this year. We all met new friends and like it or not, all of us had spent this year together. We stayed together as a class. The Class Yearbook will help us remember our class memories big or small since the first day of school to the very last. We are excited and are looking forward to publish this year-end yearbook. We can't wait to start.



Battle-Bot Tournament



In this STEM activity, students use their Spheros to compete with each other in the Battle Bots Tournament of Champions!

This battle takes place in the cafeteria arena where bots compete to be the last bot standing by popping other bots' balloons. Before the competition, students must use their design thinking skills to build a battle shell for their Spheros to withstand all challengers.

After 2 rounds and many popped balloons later, **Jonathan and Gianna** were declared Battle-Bot Champions!

“Be-One” Tournament BASKETBALL



The 4th sports competition in our year-long "Be-One Games" is **Basketball**. The Tournament began on April 13 with three rounds play. There were 4 teams of 4 players each involved in a double-elimination format. After 3 exciting rounds, Team John (John, Gianna, Aristan, Asusena) came out on top and claimed this year's Basketball Champions of Room B1. Congratulations to all who participated in the tournament.

Poetry-Out-Loud

After spending 2 weeks writing Cinquains and Quatrains, our class had a "Poetry Out Loud" event in Room B1. It's a time when newly-discovered poets present their poems in front of the class. There are many outstanding poets came out of this Poetry Writing Unit. These poets made their successful debut under the spotlight of our class stage.

Pictures and videos are posted on our class website while the poems will be posted on each poet's website.



2-Point Perspective Final



After practicing with perspective drawings in class, our class took what we've learned and went outside on the school grounds to draw different 2-point perspective buildings. **Perspective** is a drawing method that shows how things appear to get smaller as they get further away, converging towards one (or two) 'vanishing point' on the **horizon** line. It is a way of drawing objects upon a flat piece of paper (or other drawing surface) so that they look three-dimensional and realistic. We enjoyed going outside and draw.

Mr. Pham's Class ART EXHIBIT



Throughout this year, Room B1 students have been improving their art skills through a weekly Art Appreciation period. We used different mediums like crayons, tempera paint, pastel, watercolor, and charcoal to create various works of arts. 5 students also got chosen to represent our class in the 91st Annual McKee Art contest at the Haggin Museum.

To showcase our creations, we displayed our works in Rio Calaveras library for the month of May. We've received many compliments because our artwork looks so amazing. Good job artists!!!



Classroom MAY Updates



STATE REPORT - Our class started the State Report research assignment in April. The State Report consists of 4 parts: Research, Writing, a Webpage to display state information, and finally, the students will produce a visitor's guide Video to advertise their state. Due Date: May 20.

BRIDGE BUILDING PROJECT – During Math time in May, Room B1 students are involved in a fun and exciting Math application activity: Bridge Building! We will be constructing bridges out of toothpicks! At the end of the activity, each bridge will be tested for strength to see how much weight it can hold before collapsing. This will be a fun learning experience for all.

TALENT SHOW – It's the time to prepare for the annual Room B1 Class Talent Show. The students will choose an act they would like to perform like singing, dancing, acting, poetry reading, cheerleading, playing an instrument, do a comedy, tell jokes, juggling etc. Even Mr. Pham will be showcasing his "wonderful" talent for the class. The performance is scheduled for May 20.

SOLAR SYSTEM REPORT– We are working on designing our own Theme Park using shapes, geometry, coordinates, and creativity.

what's up

May	Bridge Building Project Begins State Report Begins
May 2–6	iReady Testing
May 6	Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 8	Mother's Day
May 11	Class Success Fieldtrip
May 13	AR Ends
May 17	STEM: Air Rockets
May 13	Staff vs Students Softball
May 20	Class Talent Show State Report Due Bridge Project Finals
May 23	Class Birthdays Celebration Yearbook Signing Party
May 24	Carnival Setup Day
May 25	Class Carnival
May 29	Awards Assembly 3 RD Trimester Report Card Last day of school

**5TH GRADE YEAR ENDS!
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER**