



Black History Month

Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

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February 2020 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.



Gabriel & Dylan



**Working on
our Black
History Report**



Mellany & Tessa



LeAn & Daisy



Riley & Aiden



*Randy
Albert
Jasdeep*



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.



A big THANK YOU to those parents who came to Rio Calaveras

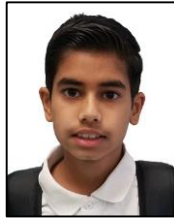
School's Open House on February 18. We hope you've enjoyed your visit to our classroom to share a little bit of the day with us. Parents are always welcome to come to visit our classroom anytime. Thank you.

Spring Break Assignments



Spring Break this year will be from March 16 to March 20. During the break, every student is required to read everyday for at least 30 minutes and 20 minutes on Lexia/Reading Plus or i-Ready. Please make sure your child takes care of their business. ☺ Thank you for your support.

February Character Awards



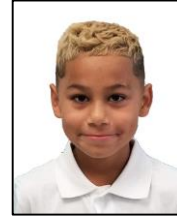
Jasdeep



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KINDNESS

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



Julian



Chyane

Citizenship

HAGGIN MUSEUM

89th Annual McKee Student Art Contest & Exhibition



Room B1's 5th Grade celebrates 8 artists in class that have their artworks displayed in the Haggin Museum's 89th Annual McKee Student Art Exhibit. This event features the work of student artists from kindergarten through grade 12 from schools in San Joaquin County. **Aiden, Mellany, Payton, Aneva, Gianna, LeAn, Nazneen, and Daisy** did a great job with their art pieces and were selected to represent our class and Rio Calaveras Elementary.

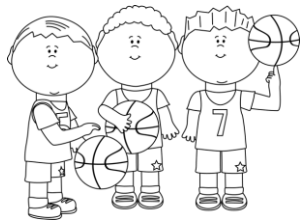
Congratulations to Daisy as her "Picasso Faces" pastel artwork was given the Honorable Mention Award for Outstanding Art. We are so proud Daisy and all of our artists' achievements.



The Haggin Museum pictures are on our class website.



Friends-vs-Friends Tournament



Room B1's "Friends-vs-Friends" Tournament is a year-long friendly competition in 5 sports: 4-Square, Tether Ball, Volleyball, Basketball, and

Soccer. Dylan won the 4-Square back in November, and Javier was the Tetherball champion last month. In March, April, and May, we will compete in Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer. We are learning how to play Volleyball right now and will begin the tournament in March. It's going to be fun competing with each other for the Giraffe Awards.

February STEM Projects

We spent February's STEM periods working with 3-D augmented reality and Ozobots. We used tablets and phones to bring 2-D images to life with movement, sounds, and cool 3-D effects. It was so cool.

Ozobots are mini robots that can be programmed to follow different color lines. We also used the iPads to program Ozobots to do cool tricks. We might even 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 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.

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 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.

O'Keeffe 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
www.Journey5th.us





Valentine 2020

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: **Gianna, Daisy, Aneva and Chyane** 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 2 Payton's Birthday
- March 3 Genesis Birthday
- March 4 Trimester 2 Report Card
- Aiden's Birthday
- March 6 AR Rewards
- March 7 Kyri's Birthday
- March 9 Ahmed's Birthday
- March 10 Kaleb's Birthday
- March 11 Awards' Assembly
- March 12 Haggin Museum Fieldtrip
- March 16-20 Spring Break