

# Rio Galaveras

## The Class Times

The class newsletter written and published by Mr. Pham's Fifth Grade Students - Class of 2021

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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, 2021. 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 B1 Students & Teacher*





Dear Parents,

### 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.ClassTimes.us](http://www.ClassTimes.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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Card

Report cards will go home on Wednesday, November 10. Grades are given in rubric format in relation to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade standards. Here is the percentage range for rubric scores:

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester.

A detailed final 1st Trimester grades will be posted on our class website. As always, please let me know if you have questions or concerns.



## October Character Awards

### CARING

Feeling or showing concern or kindness to others



Thomas



Raina



Cassandra



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### Citizenship

Students that exemplify Rio Calaveras' guidelines:

**Safe – Responsible - Respectful**

### 5 ways to help your child do well in school



#### 1. Teach the magic word "yet"

As in, "I haven't yet learned how to do division of fraction." Or "I haven't yet understood the water cycle". Seeing learning as an optimistic, positive process boosts success.

#### 2. Move bedtime forward

Teachers report more restlessness, tiredness and frustration in 7- to 11-year-olds who get half an hour less sleep than their classmates. Researchers also have found that high-school students who achieve C, D and F grades get 25 minutes less sleep than students getting A and B grades. Sleep is important. It is essential to learning and regulates health.

#### 3. Read together

According to researchers, children who read for pleasure make more progress in math, vocabulary and spelling between the ages of 10 and 16 than those who rarely read. Reading is important when it comes to doing well in school.

#### 4. Learn something yourself

This means you are modeling what enjoyable, rewarding learning looks like. Also model how difficulties in learning can be overcome with positive attitude!

#### 5. Encourage being accountable

If your child misbehaves in class or fails to do their work, let them take the consequences. Experiencing the results of actions is essential to good learning. Shielding your child from every bump in the school road will produce a passive, dependent learner.

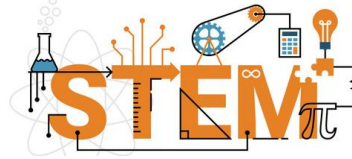


## Art Projects

We did 4 art projects in October. First, we painted a “Night Before Christmas” movie scene using tempera paint in the style of the artist Van Gogh. Next, we did “Zombify” which we tried on many filters and transformed ourselves into frightening zombies. Finally, for “Dia de los Muertos,” we made *Calacas* and cut *Papel Picado*. We hung the *Papel Picado* on our ceiling and respected Mexican culture when they celebrate the Day of the Dead.

### *The Spooktacular*

*Alasia, Jaylene, Ryan, Isacc*



## Science, Technology Engineering & Mathematics

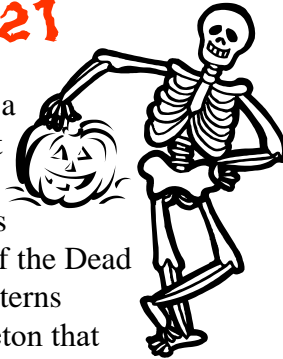
For October, we did 3 fun STEM projects. The first is the Paper Helicopters to see which helicopter will take the longest to fall to the ground. The winner was Leo and Group 7. We continued with the learning of the 4 forces of flight for the 2<sup>nd</sup> project which was the Rubber-band Helicopters. We used a propeller and wind it up with a rubber-band, then let it go. The goal was to see how long it can fly up in the air. Xiaoqing won this challenge. Finally, we did the Halloween STEM project called Pumpkin Stand with straws and tape to build a stand that can hold a pumpkin. At the end, 3 teams were successful in this challenge: Gretal & Melinda, Clarke & Xiaoqing, Thomas & Jerica.

### *The Cool Cocomelon Kids!*

*Amelia, Janessa, Adriano, Aristan*

## Halloween 2021

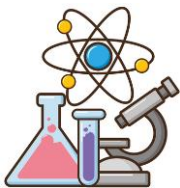
Halloween, the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, is a traditional occasion when kids go out and trick or treat for candy. Our classroom was decorated with spiders on the walls, *Papel Picado* for Day of the Dead hung from the ceiling, and jack-o-lanterns around the room. There’s also a skeleton that gave us a joke. We will have a Halloween RoACH on Friday, watch a movie, eat popcorn and candies. We love 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 Target Stores*

*Gretal, Melinda, Preston, John*



## SCIENCE UPDATE

During October, we learned about “Matter” and what how to measure volume with different methods. We measured the length, width, and height of our desk with a meter stick. In the second activity, we used a graduated cylinder and water to measure the mass of rocks and marbles. The third activity we had to do was using dice to measure the volume of different baskets. Finally, we used a balance to find the weight of different objects.

### *The Scream Team*

*Dasanny, Gianna, Alex, Raul*

## Multi-culture Celebrations



In October, we celebrated multi-culture by making *papel picado*, lanterns and colored *Calacas*. We did the lanterns for the Lantern Festival. The *calacas* and *papel picado* 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.

It was fun learning about different traditions and making crafts.

### *The Rock Lee*

*Kyle, Jonathan, Natalie, Raina*

## Accelerated Reader

AR is a program that we use to take quiz from books we read. The three goals we have to achieve are points, book level, and accuracy level.. We go to the library on Wednesdays to borrow our books.

### *The Blackbeards*

*Asusena, Cassandra, David, Auren*

# Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was on October 23-31. The theme this year is “Drug Free Looks Like Me.” We all took the “Drug-Free” pledge, we receive red ribbon bracelets, and we had spirit days to remind us not to have drugs in our lives. There’s also a door contest where each class will decorate a door with the red ribbon theme. Our class had a competition to see which group gets to decorate our class door. Our group won, so we designed the door with the theme “Drugs are a Nightmare” to scare away the drugs.

The judging will be on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## The Dark Side

Jerica, Xiaoqing, Clarke, Thomas



## Technology Update

In October, we used Lexia and i-Ready to practice reading and math. We also went to our class website to check grades and look at the activity pictures. 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 used Google Docs for our narrative and journal 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 Spooky 7's

Rosalie, Nayeli, Mateo, Leo

# THANKSGIVING RIDDLES



1. Farmer Mateo 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. Raul just bought a live turkey from farmer Anthony 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, Preston and Kyle 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 50 years old but next year I will turn 53." How is this 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 Mr. Pham's mailbox.
- The deadline for answers is November 20. Prizes will be given out on November 22. Solutions and winners will be posted in November's newsletter. Good luck.

## Frightful Laughs

- What do witches eat at the beach?  
- A sand-witch!!!
- 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.

November 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Begins
November 11	Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
November 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Card issued
November 12	Natalie's Birthday
November 16	Ryan's Birthday
November 19	Thanksgiving RoAch
November 22-26	Thanksgiving break– NO SCHOOL
November 22	Preston's Birthday
November 25	Kyle's Birthday