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Welcome Back

# Rio Calaveras The Class Times

The class newsletter written and published by Mr. Pham's Fifth Grade Students - Class of 2024



## Welcome to our 5th GRADE Class!

Salvador, Ashaz, Hadiqa, Nguyen, Jonathan, Jazmine, Alvaris, Aaron, Syed, Jonah, Olivia, Anahy, Mohammad, Sivohn, Isaiah, Jaslene, Israel, Aria, Bella, Neema, Alessandra, Grace, Crystal, Asante, Lesly Layla, Faith, Isaiah, Melanie, Kalysta, Tyler, Fusi



Our class is made up of 32 students and our teacher, Mr. Pham. We came from different places, have different personalities and abilities. Some of us like to draw, some like math, others love to read, and there are students that like computers.

Although we are different, we are here for these reasons: To improve our minds, to spend time with friends, and to be a **ONE** and **UNIQUE** class.

We love Rio Calaveras! All the teachers are wonderful, and learning is a lot of fun. This year we will try our best to learn and fulfill our class motto:

**BELIEVE! ACHIEVE! SUCCEED!**

**It's going to be a great year!**  
**Mr. Pham's 5th grade class**





Dear Parents,

We are off to a good start for the school year. Everyone is enthusiastic and eager to learn.

I'm happy to have such a great group of students and very excited to be a part of their development both being good citizens and good students.

I'm pleased to say that the students in this class are also excited about the new school year. Our Class' motto is:

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We know we must **Believe** in ourselves to be able to **Achieve** in school and **Succeed** in life. This year will be full of challenges that come with being a Fifth Grader. The students are asked to be more responsible and accountable for their learning and behavior in the classroom, on the playground, and at home. Fifth grade curriculum will also be very demanding, and homework/classwork is expected to be done every week. There are a lot of projects and activities that we do in class that will be both challenging and rewarding. One of these activities is to publish a class newsletter.

The "Class Times" will be published once every month. Working on the newsletter provides an opportunity for students to express themselves through writing, practicing real-life writing skills as they produce newsletters for classmates, friends, and family to share our life in the classroom through different activities.

With parents and students' participation both in and out of the classroom, we can look forward to a productive, creative, and enjoyable year together.

Throughout the year, please feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely, Mr. Pham



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is great! I have great friends and a very pretty teacher. This class might be loud but it's still a great class. So, I'm looking forward to have a good school year. ☺

Layla

## REFLECTIONS About 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



So far, this year has been fun. I LOVE doing all the fun projects and art.

This year has been a lot of fun, but in the year, I'm getting much better at presentations. Mr. Pham is a good teacher...but...oogly!

- Crystal

I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is cool and our class is fun. But there are people that keep disturbing our class and getting in



trouble. I liked the challenges we do. It was the best time I've had in this amazing class. I love it.

- Jaslene



So far, 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been really fun and also challenging but I have learned so many things and had sooo much fun. Mr.

Pham is really fun and hardworking. He does everything he can to help us get better. He makes sure we have a fun and successful year. But the thing is, he LIES every day. He keeps saying that he is Pretty and Perfect... but we always know that he is NOT. - Hadiqa

I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is nice and fun! The class I got is awesome but sadly, it comes with an oogly teacher! (Just kidding. He's the most bootiful). Anyway, I've always thought 5<sup>th</sup> grade was going to be scary, but I've realized it's really not at all. Mr. Pham made it less scary and fun! He's funny and I love it when he teases us. Mr. Pham's class is the best. This year is going to be AWESOME!



- Alessandra

I like 5<sup>th</sup> grade so far, and I LOVE doing the STEAM projects. I hope that I will win one this year. I also like my teacher, Mr. Poogly. - Neema



I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been fun so far. I think that this class needs a little improving, but soon enough, we'll be awesome! This year is going to be amazing, and that Mr. Pham will stay oogly forever which is sad for him but good for the rest of the class because we'll be able to insult him forever. - Melanie

Before 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I thought it wouldn't be fun and it would be hard (if I don't put effort, yes). When I came the 1<sup>st</sup> day, it seemed to be really cool, fun, with an Oogly teacher!!! This year so far seems to be fun for me, plus the "All About Me" presentations, hehe... - Jazmine



So far, my 5<sup>th</sup> grade year has been extremely good! I love all of our STEAM and ART projects, all the reading and math we did, and of course... I love Mr. Poogly! He is the oogliest teacher in the world! Plus, he has a wig on that he bought from the dollar store! He's the best and hardest working teacher ever! - Kalysta

I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is OK right now. I think this year would be wonderful if we follow the class rules. I can't wait to achieve all my goals. P.S. Make sure you snatch Mr. Pham's wig off. - Aria





# Goals & Dreams



There are a ton of activities in class like STEAM, ART, P.E. and many more. Mr. Pham also switches things up once in a while so we know what we like, and what we're good, and bad at, so he can help us. - **Aaron**

*P.S. Mr. Pham is Pretty*

I think 5<sup>th</sup> grade is cool and fun because we do ART, STEAM projects, RoAches, and sports tournaments. I like this class because all my friends are in the class and we do lots of fun stuff. I like this year and hope it will be like this all year long. - **Syed**



I like 5<sup>th</sup> grade more than last year. This year is more fun. Everyone is nice. There are bad kids, but Mr. Pham will take care of them. It's a good school year so far. I made a bunch of friends already. I hope to have good days where we don't get in trouble, but school is still the best. The end. - **Olivia**

My goal for this year are to be better at AR, and to improve my handwriting. My future goals are to go to Princeton and become rich and famous. - **Alvaris**



*P.S. Mr. Pham's real name is "Mr. Poogly" but he doesn't like it. ☺*



My goals for this year are to be a better student, make AR, get better in math, reading, and art, and to be on the "Wall of Fame." My future goals are to be a scientist, artist and/or an inventor. I like 5<sup>th</sup> grade because we do art and STEAM projects, and we have RoAches. - **Jonah**

My goal for this year is to read to make all my AR goals. I like this year and it's going great! - **Asante**



My goals this year are to get on the "Wall of Fame," make my AR goals all year, and get straight A's.

I want to be a good student. That's my goal for this year. - **Salvador**

My goals for this year are to get better in math and reading because I'm kind of bad at those subjects. However, I'm not bad at sports and I hope I can become a football player or basketball player. I also hope to go to college some day. - **Ashaz**

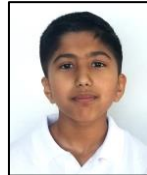
*P.S. Mr. Pham is so Oogly!*



My goal for this year is to improve in math and be good in ART and STEAM projects. I want to win every challenge that Mr. Pham gives us.

My goal for the future is being a dentist and a cook. - **Lesly**

My goal for this year are to get better at math, social studies, and my handwriting. I also want to make all 3 Trimester AR goals, get on the "Wall of Fame," and get better at anything I'm bad at right now. - **Mohammad**



My goal for this year is to achieve all AR goals. Next, I want to be better at math. Finally, I want to be better at handwriting. I forgot to say that I

also want to make Mr. Pham (aka Mr. Poogly) to take off is wig! - **Fusi**

My goals for this year are to get A's or B's in class and win "Capture the Flag" competition. - **Isaiah W.**



My goals for this year are to make my AR goals and maybe get on the "Wall of Fame," get good grades, and improve my handwriting. - **Faith**

My goals for this year are to do my AR and go to AR parties and be happy. My goals for the future are to be a doctor and have fun. I'd also want to work as a vet to take care of other animals. - **Analy**



My goals for this year are to make my AR goals and to get Honor Roll so my parents can be proud of me. My goal is to get a lot of A's and improve my

handwriting. - **Tyler**

My goals for this year are to achieve all my AR goals, read a lot of books, get better in math, improve handwriting, and to rick-roll on every slideshow I make. - **Bella**



*PS. Mr. Pham is the oogliest ever!*



My goals for this year:  
- pay attention in class  
- better at handwriting  
- prove that Mr. Pham is pretty and not oogly  
- Make more friends

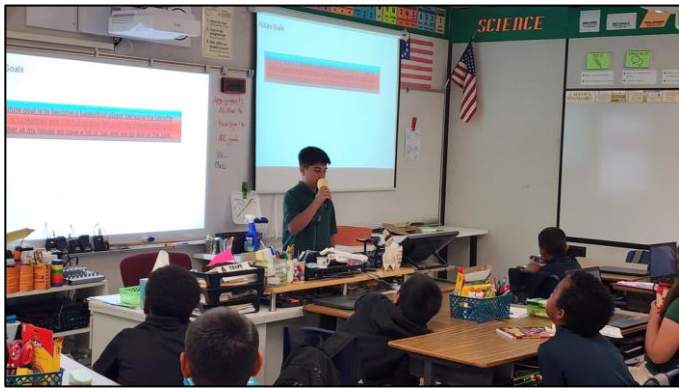
- better at multiplication and read more  
- **Isaiah H.**

My goals are to win in "Capture the Flag" and make my AR goals.. I also want to make new friends and to win a STEAM project. This is a fun class and Mr. Pham is funny. I want to be better at math and reading. - **Sivohn**



I want to reach my AR goals and get all A's and B's and get on the "Wall of Fame." - **Israel**





Ashaz's "All About Me" presentation



AR Board winners



Showing off our artwork.



There are a lot more pictures on our class website.  
[www.ourclass.us](http://www.ourclass.us)



Building Marshmallow Towers



Balloon cars STEAM project

## Classroom Website

<http://OurClass.us>

Did you know that our class has a website on the internet? There are many things on our website like news, updates, pictures, fun websites, learning activities, e-mails, and even a "Riddles Club" page. Students' artwork will also be posted on the website. Later in the year, students will get to build their own website to post their projects.

It's going to be an exciting year learning technology and the internet. Please support our class and encourage your child to do their best.

## Technology in the Class

There are many online programs both social and academic that our class is using this year. Here are some main ones:

- **Classting** - **Google Tools**
- **MobyMax** - **iPad programs**
- **Epic & Sora** - **Online Tools**

Technology will be more and more important as the students move up the grades and I want the students to be prepared to meet the challenges of the real world through collaboration and technology implementation. Students will begin creating websites to use as their digital portfolios, and we are all excited to begin our journey.

## what's up

Events happening this month:

- 9/02 – Crystal's Birthday  
Syed's Birthday
- 9/08 – Wear Yellow
- 9/10 – Salvador's Birthday
- 9/13 – T1 Progress Report
- 9/18 – Parent Conferences begin
- 9/21 – Teacher PD-No school**
- 9/22 – Teacher PD-No school**  
Ashaz's Birthday  
4:30 AVID Family Night
- 9/26 – Spirit Day: Career Wear
- 9/29 – Flea Market #1