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Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

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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, 2023. In our class, we talked about the dangers of drugs. We watched a presentation of different types of 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.OurClass.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.

1st Trimester Report Card

Report cards will go home on the week of November 13. Grades are given in rubric format in relation to the 5th 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 2nd 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

RESPECT

Be considerate, use good manners, be tolerant of differences.



Syed



Grace



Crystal



Salvador

CITIZENSHIP

Students that exemplify Rio Calaveras' guidelines:
Safe – Responsible - Respectful



Science Camp is an outdoor school. There were 21 students in our class that went to Science Camp at Sky Mountain in the Tahoe National Forest from October 23-26. We slept in cabins, learned about different plants, and went on hikes. At Science Camp, we dug a river branch and then built a dam in it, we made s'mores, went on hikes, made nature name tags, built Lego towers, and more... Our daily schedule consisted of waking up at 6am, breakfast, morning activities, recess, lunch, afternoon activities, then dinner. Bedtime was at 9:30pm. It was a fun learning experience for all of us.



The Sour Patch Kids
Neema, Kalysta, Aaron, Crystal



Red Ribbon Week



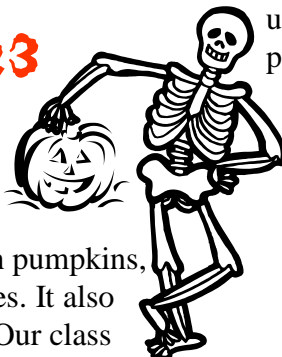
Red Ribbon Week was on October 23-31. The theme this year is “Be Kind to Your Mind– Live Drug-Free.” We learned about what kinds of drugs there are and what bad drugs can do to you, such as lung cancer and other health issues. We also pledged not to do drugs. We wore bracelets to remind us the dangers of drugs. We had a week of Spirit Days to show that...

WE SAY NO to DRUGS!

The Spooky Girlz
Hadiqa, Aria, Jazmine

Halloween 2023

Halloween, the 31st of October, is a very spooky holiday. People dress up in costumes. They go trick or treat. Our class is decorated very spooky with pumpkins, skeletons, witches, spiders, and vampires. It also has beautiful purple and orange lights. Our class Halloween RoAch is on Tuesday. We’ll have popcorn, lemonade, and other treats with games and a movie on the side. There will also be no homework on Halloween and no school on November 1st.



The Four Witches
Grace, Melanie, , Jaslene

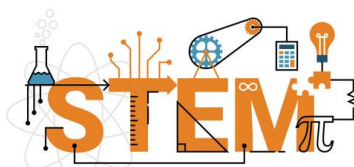
Multi-culture Celebrations



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 Webby Debby
Faith, Crystal, Fusi, Lesly



Science, Technology Engineering & Mathematics

The STEM projects we did in October are Paper Airplanes and Wood Gliders. For the paper airplanes, we spent the first part constructed and practiced throwing them. Then the next week, we folded more airplanes and competed with other groups to see who has the best airplane. Aaron and Nguyen won the distance contest with 45ft. Hadiqa and Kalysta won the longest flight time with 2.81 seconds.



On October 30, we had a STEM project where we use straws and tape to build a stand to hold a 1-lb pumpkin. We had a fun time.

The Oogly-Boogly-Poogly
Neema, Alvaris, Syed, Jonah



Aaron & Nguyen
Distance Winners



Hadiqa & Kalysta
Flight Time Winners



ACCELERATED READER

AR encourages kids to read books to achieve points. Each of us has 3 goals we have to complete: Book points, book level, and quiz accuracy percent. We go to the library every Wednesday to borrow books. We are expected to read every day for at least 20-30 minutes. The end of the Trimester is November 3, so everyone, make sure you achieve your goals.

The Horror Knights
Bella, Analy, Sivohn, Mohammad

4 Square Tournament

The 4-Square Tournament started on October 16 and ended on October 20. After two rounds, Jonathan, Sivohn, Jonah, and Hadiqa were in the finals. At the end, Hadiqa won this year’s 4-Square Tournament. Congratulations to everyone.

The Spookie Dookies
Israel, Jonathan, Tyler, Isaiah W.

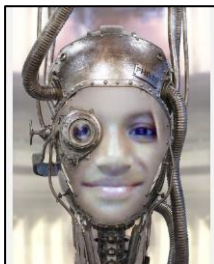


Art Projects

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 Screamers

Karter, Layla, Olivia



Technology Update

In October, we used *MobyMax* and *i-Ready* to practice reading and math in class and for homework. We also went to our *Class Website* to check grades and look at the activity pictures. *Classting* 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. We also *Google Docs* for writing and *Webcam Toy* to take pictures.

To read online and take tests, we used *Go Formative*, *Epic*, *Sora*, and AR website.

The Scary Skeletons

Salvador, Nguyen, Isaiah H.

THANKSGIVING RIDDLES



1. Farmer Israel has seventeen turkeys. All but nine broke through a hole in the fence and wandered away. How many were left? (1pt.)
2. What word is spelled wrong in every dictionary? (1pt.)
3. Name ten parts of the body that spelled with three letters each. (1pt.)
4. Mo-Mo just bought a live turkey from farmer Israel 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? (1pt.)
5. How many times can you subtract 6 from 30?
6. While wrestling for the same book from the classroom library, Salvador and Aaron accidentally ripped off pages 6, 7, 84, 111, 112. Can you tell how many sheets were torn from the book? (2pts.)
7. Mr. Pham tells the class, "Last week, I was 53 years old but next year I will turn 56." How is this possible? Shouldn't he be 54? Can you explain it? (3pts.)

- Prizes for all who submitted answers. There will be a special prize for the most correct answers.
- Submit answers online or drop into PhamMail.
- The deadline for answers is November 17. 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	NO SCHOOL Neema's Birthday
November 3	Trimester 1 Ends
November 15	1 st Trimester Report Card issued
November 10	Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
November 14	Volleyball practice begins
November 17	Thanksgiving RoAch
November 20-24	Thanksgiving break– NO SCHOOL
November 30	Class Awards Assembly