



Black History Month

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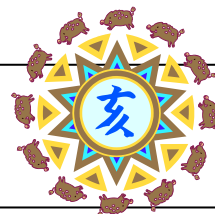
All of America honored the people that made this country great. These Americans had gone through many hardships and overcame difficult challenges to become great men and women in government, education, science, sports, music, and gave us great examples to follow. These are some of the people we admired 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.

Kindness Month

This year's Valentine's Day was a very special occasion. Our class designated February 14th as "**KINDNESS DAY**". We shared cards and treats with each other to show kindness.

We also painted with different designs, wrote kind messages on them, and gave to each classroom at Rio Calaveras. Finally, we wrote positive messages on a poster and hung it on our class wall to remind us to be kind to everyone.



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.



2nd Trimester Report Card

Report cards will go home the week of March 11. Grades are given in rubric format in relation to the 5th grade standards. Here is the percentage range for each of the rubric score:

- 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 3rd Trimester. As always, please let me know if you have questions or concerns. Thank you!

Spring Break

Spring Break will be from March 18 to March 22.



February Character Awards

KINDNESS

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



Layla



Fusi

Citizenship



Olivia



Karter

HAGGIN MUSEUM ART WINNERS

93rd Annual McKee Student Art Contest & Exhibition



Room B1's 5th Grade celebrates 10 artists in class that have their artworks displayed in the Haggin Museum's 93rd Annual McKee Student Art Exhibit from February 1 to March 17, 2024. This event features the work of K-12 student artists from schools in San Joaquin County.

In our class, **Aaron, Jazmine, Melanie, Hadiqa, Kalysta, Crystal, Aria, Alvaris, Neema** and **Fusi** did a great job with their art pieces and were selected to represent our class and Rio Calaveras Elementary.

Crystal also received an **Outstanding Artwork Award** for her "Roses" watercolor painting. CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so proud Crystal and all of our artists' achievements. 🍌🍌🍌



The Haggin Museum pictures are on our class website.

#Kindnessrocks

February is "Kindness" month. We painted rocks with messages of kindness to remind ourselves to be kind and respect everyone. We also signed the #kindnessrocks poster and gave our rocks to each classroom at Rio Calaveras. This was a fun and inspirational learning experience.



Room B1 Tournament: Volleyball

Room B1's "Friends-vs-Friends" Tournament is a year-long friendly competition in 6 sports activities: Capture the Flag, 4-Square, Tether Ball, Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer. **Hadiqa** won the 4-Square tournament in September, and **Isaiah H.** was the Tetherball champion last November. We started practicing Volleyball in January and the Tournament began in February. The class was divided into 6 teams in a double-elimination format. A month and 10 games later, Team 5 (**Grace, Faith, Fusi, Salvador, and Jonathan**) won the "Jeffrey Trophy" and a place on our class "Wall of Fame." CONGRATULATIONS! In March, April, and May, we will compete in Basketball, and Soccer.

Technology Update

During February, we used these technology to enhance our 5th grade curriculum:

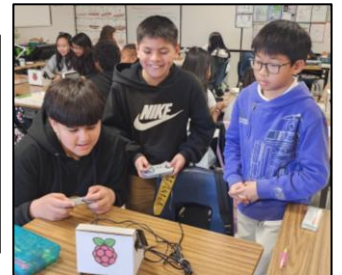
Google Slides to create our Black History Reports. Instead of directly presenting it to the class, each group video-taped the presentation and recorded their voices and videos using Screencastify.

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.



S.T.E.A.M.

We began the 2nd half of our STEM program focusing on "Digital Learning". For the February STEAM (STEM with Art) time, we tried our hands at building a minicomputer called "**Raspberry Pi**". The Pi can be used for many things, but we decided on building a game console. We learned the different parts of the computer such as Ethernet & USB ports, HDMI display port, central processing unit (CPU), and input/output pins. We even connected a touch screen display to our Pi. Finally, we installed retro games, configured controllers, and challenged each other to fun competitions using our newly-built game consoles. 😊

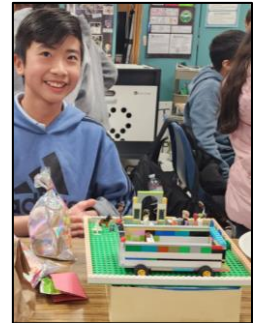
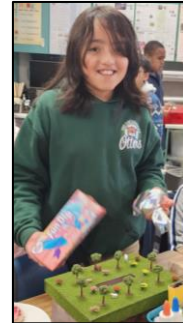


For more pictures, please visit our class website: OurClass.us





- 1st Place – Hadiqa
- 2nd Place – Grace
- 3rd Place – Crystal
- 4th Place – Jazmine
– Jonathan



Valentine 2024

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.

We also designated this Valentine's Day as "Kindness Day." We gave each other cards and treats to show kindness to everyone. 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 the Valentine celebration are on our class website. ♥♥♥

what's up

- March 1 Karter's Birthday
- March 8 Trimester 2 Report Card
- March 8 Flea Market #3
- March 12 Alessandra's Birthday
- March 14 Class Awards Assembly
- March 17 Mohammad's Birthday
- March 18-22 **Spring Break**
- March 24 Jonathan's Birthday
- March 30 Jonah's Birthday