



Rio Galaveras

The Class Times

Women's History Month

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

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In the month of March, our class celebrated great American Women and learned why they were so special. Each group was assigned a personality to research and did a report. We drew pictures, designed webpages, created movie trailers, and wrote Bio-Poems to tell the story of these great women in American history.

We learned that these amazing women went through a lot to be successful. They fought for equal rights, showed extraordinary courage, and were determined to achieve their goals.

To honor these women, the month March is known as Women's History Month.



Katherine Johnson (1918-2020)
Katherine Johnson was an American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights. **Mohammad & Syed**

Dolores Huerta (1930-)

Dolores Huerta is an American labor leader and civil rights activist who, with Cesar Chavez, is a co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association, which later merged with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee to become the United Farm Workers. **Grace & Karter**



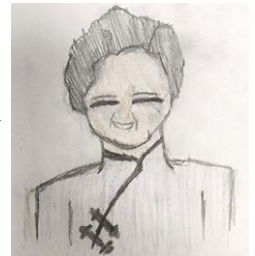
Beverly Cleary (1916-2021)
Beverly Atlee Cleary was an American writer of children's and young adult fiction. One of America's most successful authors, 91 million copies of her books have been sold worldwide since her first book was published in 1950. **Hadiqa & Analy**



Michelle Obama (1964-present)
Michelle Obama is an American lawyer and writer who was the First Lady of the United States from 2009-2017. She is married to the 44th President, Barack Obama, and is the first African American First Lady. **Layla & Neema**

Joyce Chen (1917-1994)

Joyce Chen was a Chinese-American chef, restaurateur, author, television personality, and entrepreneur. **Fusi & Lesly**



Sally Ride (1951-2012)

American physicist and astronaut. Born in Los Angeles, she became the first American woman in space in 1983. **Jazmine & Sivohn**

Clara Barton (1821-1912)

Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. She started a school in New Jersey. She worked as a hospital nurse in the American Civil War, and as a teacher and patent clerk. **Damien & Isaiah H.**



Josephine Baker (1906-1975)

Freda Josephine Baker, was an American-born French dancer, singer and actress. **Jonah & Nguyen**



Dear Parents,

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

The annual state testing (CAASPP) started this month on April 18 until May 10. These are important tests given in grades 3-8 for ELA, Math and Science. Our class is doing a lot of preparation for the tests including class reviews, class work, practice tests, and also a team academic challenge.

Please help your child to get ready and be successful by encouraging them to do their best, finish all homework, and have **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** by not scheduling any appointments during the testing days.

Thank you for your support

Testing Schedule

SCIENCE – April 18, 19

ELA – April 23, 24, May 1, 2

MATH – May 6, 7, 9, 10



3rd Trimester AR Reading Contract

For the 3rd Trimester, all students in class signed the “**AR 100% Contract**” in which they promise to read everyday and to support each other so that **EVERYONE** in class will achieve the AR goals!

We are doing this because we know the importance of reading in education, and we want to develop a lifelong love for reading.

Please support our class in this very difficult challenge by making sure that your child has a time and place to **read at home everyday for 20-30 minutes.**

Thank you, Parents!

Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994)

Wilma Glodean Rudolph was an American track field sprinter, who competed in the 100- and 200-meter dash. Rudolph was considered the fastest woman in the world in 1960's. **Jonathan & Israel**



Amelia Earhart (1897-1937)

Amelia Mary Earhart was an American aviation pioneer and author. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. **Kalysta & Faith**

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)

Susan Brownell Anthony was an American social reformer and feminist who played a pivotal role in the women's suffrage movement. **Aaron & Isaiah W.**



Sandra Day O'Connor (1930-)

Sandra Day O'Connor is a retired associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1981-2006. She was the first woman to be appointed to the Court. **Alvaris & Crystal**

Marie Curie (1867-1934)

Marie-Curie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person to win a Nobel Prize twice, and the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two scientific fields. **Alessandra & Bella**



Nellie Bly (1864-1922)

Bly worked undercover to report on a mental institution from within.[1] She was a pioneer in her field and launched a new kind of investigative journalism. **Melanie & Aria**

Sojourner Truth (1797-1883)

Sojourner Truth was an American abolitionist of New York Dutch heritage and a women's rights activist. **Salvador & Tyler**



Edith Kanaka'ole (1913-1979)

Edith Kenao Kanaka'ole was a Hawaiian dancer, chanter, teacher, and kumu hula. **Olivia & Jaslene**



2nd Trimester Awards



March Character Awards

ACCELERATED READERS

Syed, Kalysta, Jazmine, Jonah, Melanie, Hadiqa, Aaron, Aria, Bella, Grace, Asante, Salvador, Jonathan, Neema, Lesly, Olivia, Damien, Layla, Tyler, Isaiah W.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Hadiqa, Jonathan, Syed, Crystal, Kalysta, Fusi

HONOR ROLL

Salvador, Jazmine, Syed, Aria, Melanie, Grace, Neema, Hadiqa, Aaron, Kalysta

i-READY ACHIEVEMENT

Highest Achievement - Math: (1) Kalysta, (2) Hadiqa
Highest Achievement - Reading: (1) Kalysta, (2) Neema
Most Lessons Passed - Math: Jonah (55) Hadiqa (48)
Most Lessons Passed - Reading: Jonah (60), Kalysta (52)
Highest Growth % - Math: Hadiqa, Jazmine
Highest Growth % - Reading: Neema, Olivia
Highest Point Growth - Damien (+80), Asante (+51)

i-Ready Growth - Math: Hadiqa, Jazmine, Melanie, Faith, Bella, Jonah, Tyler, Aria, Lesly, Alvaris, Kalysta, Neema, Isaiah W., Damien, Analy, Nguyen, Jonathan, Fusi, Sivohn, Syed, Alessandra, Crystal, Jaslene, Mohammad

i-Ready Growth - Reading: Neema, Olivia, Alessandra, Mohammad, Damien, Hadiqa, Fusi, Jazmine, Salvador, Faith, Isaiah H., Asante, Tyler, Kalysta, Melanie, Aria, Karter, Nguyen, Layla, Grace, Crystal, Syed, Sivohn, Bella, Analy, Jonathan, Israel

MOST IMPROVED

Math: Lesly - **Reading:** Nguyen

Science: Bella - **Social Studies:** Faith



EFFORT

Effort has to do with how hard you're trying, how much work you're putting into something to achieve your goals.



Bella



Israel



Alessandra



Asante

Citizenship

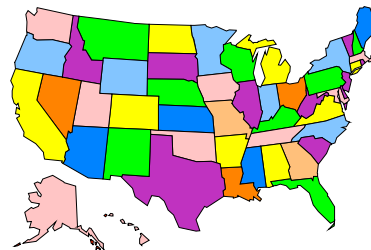
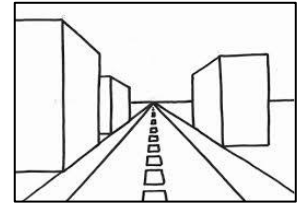
Students that exemplify Rio Calaveras' guidelines:

- ❖ Safe
- ❖ Responsible
- ❖ Respectful

ART:

1-Point Perspective

Our Class learned how to draw using perspectives. We started with 1-point perspective, which is a drawing method that shows how things appear to get smaller as they get further away and converging at a point called "vanishing point" on the horizon line. In April, we will draw using 2-point perspectives. It's going to be fun!



State Report

Our class will begin the State Report research assignment on April 22. The State Report consists of 3 parts: Research and Writing, creating a Webpage to display state information, and finally, the students will produce a Video Commercial to advertise their states. The report will account for part of the writing grade, speaking and listening grade, and a major Social Studies grade for the 3rd Trimester.

This is an exciting and beneficial assignment where students will use multiple skills to complete the report. The research state report is due on May 17.



“Escape from ML’s Library” Challenge

“Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library” is our 2nd Trimester literature study book. After finish reading the story, we were divided into five teams and went through a Kahoot challenge, a Jeopardy game, and a final group challenge to be the first team to “escape from the cafeteria” by solving riddles and puzzles.

3 rounds and more than 300 points later, **Team Sierra** (Jonathan, Bella, Faith, Kalysta, Jazmine, Sivohn) narrowly defeated the other teams to win the grand prize, which consisted of class money and a brand-new Mr. Lemoncello book, which is the next book in the series, and also the coveted Golden Pineapple Award.

Congratulations to Team Sierra and all the students who’ve participated in this challenge.

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for more pictures



Flea Market #3

Our class held the final Flea Market this year in the classroom... and it was FANTASTIC! While they are allowed to bring little knick-knacks and trinkets like toys, candies, or other goodies to sell in class, a lot of students chose instead to bring their own creations to the market. There were drawings, coloring papers, bracelets, and even a “prize-affle” at the end put on by the *Slay Sistas*, Hadiqa and Melanie. “Vendors” paid \$50 + 30 desk fee to the “Flea Market Owner” to set up their own booth and displayed the goods (and tip jars). Students use class money to buy the things they are interested. They learned how to use money wisely to buy and/or sell products and be successful.

We had a lot of fun!

March STEM Projects



We spent March’s STEM periods working with 3-D Augmented Reality and Ozobots. We colored pictures and used the iPad’s camera to create 3D images of birds, butterflies, fireworks, dinosaurs, rockets, and interacted with them. We even unlocked alien games and driving tracks.

Ozobots are mini robots that can follow different combinations of color lines to make it turn, spin, or push down bowling pins. We also used the iPads to program Ozobots to do cool tricks. We created codes and sent the codes to the Ozobots to make them zig-zag, skate, sprint, and blink different color lights. It was really fun.

Physical Fitness Testing (PFT)

Our class has started to practice for The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) coming in April. The PFT is required for all 5th graders and consists of push-ups, curl-ups, trunk lift, shoulder stretches, and a mile run.



Not only we’re practicing to pass the PFT, we also starting life-long habits of physical activity which will make us healthier.

Technology Update

In the month of April, we will continue to use technology tools to complete our assignments.

- Internet for State Report research
- Google Docs for Writing
- Webpages to display our assignments
- Editing and publishing videos with iMovie on the iPad

This is going to be a busy month using different technologies to enhance learning in the classroom.

what's up

April 2	Israel’s Birthday
April 5	Multicultural Faire AVID Friday/UCLA Shirt
April 17	Progress Report – 50% AR
April 18	CAASPP TESTING – SCIENCE
April 22	State Report Begins
April 26	“Best Day Ever!” Event
April 29	Bridge Project Begins