

STATE TEST MONTH

Rio Calaveras

The Class Times

April 2024

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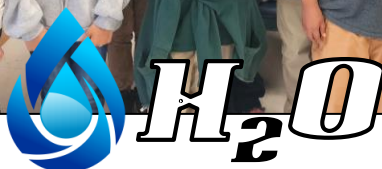
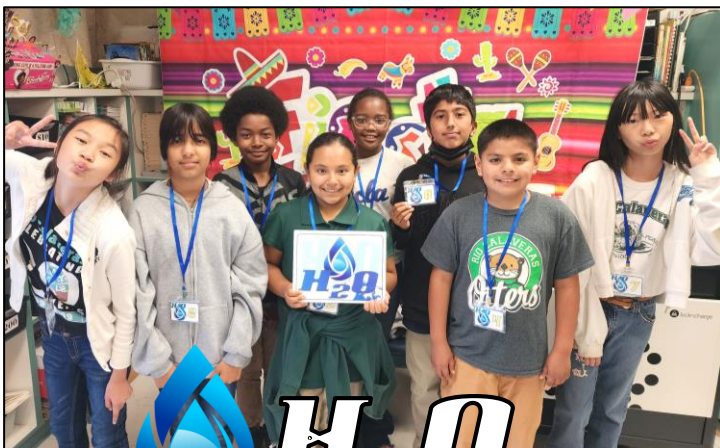
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Class Academic Challenge

In preparation for the CAASPP testing, Room B1 students participated in an in-class academic challenge to review Reading, Science, and Math skills we've learned throughout the year.



The winning group will be presented with the "Academic Challenge" 1st place trophy, a special prize for the whole group, and their picture will hang on Mr. Pham's class "Wall of Fame" forever!!! All groups will receive a medal, a prize, and class money for their effort.



With study guides and teamwork, contestants from four groups (Earth, Wind, Fire, H₂O) pitted their knowledge against one another under different formats of competition.



We're having great time playing. Hopefully, this review has refreshed our memories and helped us to do well on the state test.

After 2 weeks of exciting competition, Group Earth is currently leading. We will have a champion by May 3.

Earth - 292 points

Fire - 282 points

Wind - 246 points

H₂O - 285 points

teacher's corner



Dear Parents,

Thank you, Parents!

We have completed 3 weeks of CAASPP testing. We only have 4 days of Math tests next week and we're done for this year.

I would like to **THANK ALL PARENTS** for your support and encouragements during testing days and not scheduling appointments or have any tardies. We almost had perfect class attendance for the duration of testing.

I am happy to announce that during testing, I observed that the students were trying their best and I am sure they all did well.

Thank you, Parents and please continue to support our class by following the testing tips sent home on the Class Bulletin.



End-of-Year Activities

We are reaching a point when the year starts winding down. After State Testing, we still have the Spring iReady Assessments to take.

In class, we are starting the Bridge Building Project, State Report Research, STEAM Rockets, and preparing for our class Talent Show. We will also be working on our Class Yearbook.

I will continue to keep students motivated and engaged until the end of the school year.

Please remind your child to end the year well and remember that class continues until the final day. We will have a lot of fun celebrating our 5th grade year but always be mindful of class and school rules. The school will not tolerate any acts of unruly behavior, especially in the last few weeks. Thank you for your support.

April Character Pillar TRUSTWORTHINESS

Be honest in communications and actions • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country • Keep your promises.



Jaslene
Trustworthiness



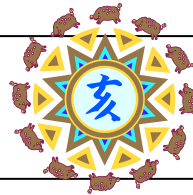
Aria
Trustworthiness



Sivohn
Citizenship



Grace
Citizenship



Celebrating Diversity

Cambodian New Year was celebrated on April 13, 2024.

*We'd like to wish the students and their families
a Happy Cambodian New Year!*

Class Yearbook 2024

This is the last newsletter of the year!!! In the month of May, we will be working on our last class writing project:

THE CLASS YEARBOOK 2023-2024

This year has been memorable to all the students and the teacher. A lot of these memories will be treasured in our own Class Yearbook which will include writings and reflections from all the students in class. Especially, there will be lots and lots of pictures of the activities we did this year. We all met new friends and like it or not, all of us had spent this year together. We stayed together as a class. The Class Yearbook will help us remember our class memories big or small since the first day of school to the very last. We are excited and are looking forward to publish this year-end yearbook. We can't wait to start.



STEM: Battle-Bots Tournament



In this STEM activity, students use their Spheros to compete with each other in the Battle Bots Tournament of Champions!

This battle takes place in the cafeteria arena where players compete to be the last bot standing by popping other bots' balloons. Before the competition, students must use their design thinking skills to build a battle shell for their Spheros to withstand all challengers.

After 3 rounds and many popped balloons later, **Sivohn** was declared Battle-Bot Champion!



Sports Tournament #5 BASKETBALL



The 5th sports competition in our year-long "Be-One Games" is Basketball. The Tournament began on April 16 with three rounds play. There were 4 teams

of 4 players each involved in a double-elimination format. After 3 exciting rounds, the team of **Hadiqa, Isaiah H., Mohammad, & Isaiah W.** came out on top and claimed this year's Basketball Champions of Room B1. Congratulations to all who participated in the tournament.

Poetry-Out-Loud

After spending 2 weeks writing Cinquains and Quatrains, our class had a "Poetry Out Loud" event in Room B1. It's a time when newly-discovered poets present their poems in front of the class. There are many outstanding poets came out of this Poetry Writing Lesson. These poets made their successful debut under the spotlight of our class stage.

Pictures and videos are posted on our class website while the poems will be posted on each poet's website.



2-Point Perspective Final



After practicing with perspective drawings in class, our class took what we've learned and went outside on the school grounds to draw different 2-point perspective buildings. **Perspective** is a drawing method that shows how things appear to get smaller as they get further away, converging towards one (or two) 'vanishing point' on the **horizon** line. It is a way of drawing objects upon a flat piece of paper (or other drawing surface) so that they look three-dimensional and realistic.

We enjoyed going outside and draw.

Mr. Pham's Class

ART EXHIBIT



Throughout this year, Room B1 students have been improving their art skills through a weekly Art Appreciation period. We used different mediums like crayons, tempera paint, pastel, watercolor, and charcoal to create various works of arts. 10 students also got chosen to represent our class in the 92nd Annual McKee Art contest at the Haggin Museum.

To showcase our creations, we displayed our works in Rio Calaveras library during the month of May. We've received many compliments because our artworks look so amazing. Good job artists!!!



Classroom MAY Updates



STATE REPORT - Our class started the State Report research assignment in April. The State Report consists of 4 parts: Research, Writing, a Webpage to display state information, and finally, the students will produce a visitor's guide Video to advertise their state. Due Date: May 22.

BRIDGE BUILDING PROJECT – During Math time in May, Room B1 students are involved in a fun and exciting Math application activity: Bridge Building! We will be constructing bridges out of toothpicks! At the end of the activity, each bridge will be tested for strength to see how much weight it can hold before collapsing. This will be a fun learning experience for all.

TALENT SHOW – It's the time to prepare for the annual Room B1 Class Talent Show. The students will choose an act they would like to perform like singing, dancing, acting, poetry reading, cheerleading, playing an instrument, do a comedy, tell jokes, juggling etc. Even Mr. Pham will be showcasing his "wonderful" talent for the class. The performance is scheduled for May 17.

what's up

May	Bridge Building Project State Report
May 3	Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 6–10	CAASPP Math Testing
May 6	Sivohn's Birthday
May 7	Faith's Birthday
May 8	"Class Success" Field trip
May 12	Mother's Day
May 13	Isaiah W's Birthday
May 14	Bowling Field Trip
May 16	Aria's Birthday
May 17	"It's Summer" Talent Show
May 22	State Report Due Bridge Project Finals
May 24	Class Birthdays Celebration Yearbook Signing Party
May 29	"It's Summer" Class Carnival
May 30	Awards Assembly 3 rd Trimester Report Card Jaslene's Birthday

LAST DAY of 5th GRADE!