



Cougar Cat Chat Nursery Elementary School

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Nursery Elementary
School
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Upcoming events....

*Sept. 24-Progress Reports

*Oct. 13-School Holiday

*Oct. 24-End of 1st Nine Weeks



Welcome to a New School Year!

Happy Fall! It is a pleasure to start a new school year with each of you. It is just wonderful to be back at our school with both familiar and new faces. We have certainly been blessed with the privilege of educating many new children.

Our entire staff looks forward to getting to know our new families. Our days are full of learning and making exciting discoveries.

We are very purposeful in our delivery of instruction as there is a huge job to be done.

As an elementary school, it is also important that both teachers and kids enjoy learning. We intend to have some fun as we accomplish our goals! Nursery Elementary School.... Good learning, good teaching every day all day long.

Mrs. Bell

Successful Book Fair

I would like to thank Parents, Grandparents, Staff, and Students in making the Book Fair a SUCCESS! Our Gross Sales were \$4,091.89, which tops all of Nursery Elementary's past Book Fairs. We beat last years sales by \$141.36 and I thought last year was GREAT! We

started off slow but ended with a BANG! Thank you! The Library's profit is \$964.82 along with cash donations of \$80.32 to be used to purchase books for the Library. I also would like to thank LeeAnn Spitzberger, Lindsey Florida, and Michele Martinez, my helpers,

whom I owe a great deal of gratitude in making the Book Fair a success.

Thank you,

Gay Hoffman, Librarian



Reminder...

**Believe Fundraiser
packets will
be due
Friday
September 26th!
Sell, Sell, Sell!**

First Grade Scoop

Howdy! First grade is off and running. We are so happy to be back at school. First grade is already busy, busy! We have a rather large group of students this year, so we are quite lucky to have two first grade teachers for a half day. Mrs. Kubesch and I are teaching together. In the mornings we split the children and Mrs. Kubesch teaches Math, while I teach Reading/Language Arts. It's been awesome to see the progress

these kids are already making in both areas.

Our year started off with us learning procedures and rules. Now that we are working toward mastering those skills we have moved on to more academic skills. In Math the students have learned touch points and are practicing analyzing graphs. In Reading we have learned about main idea, characters, informational texts and realis-

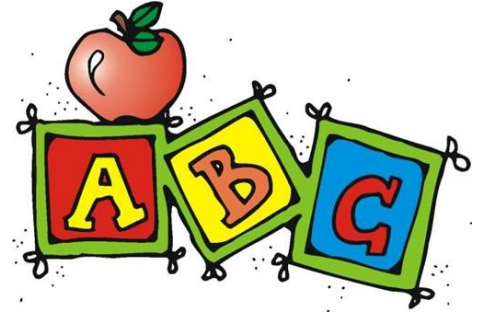
tic fiction. Social Studies and Science are also keeping us on our toes. We are studying about our freedoms and responsibilities as citizens and classifying matter. During Language Arts we are identifying nouns and verbs, spelling new words, and writing sentences that make sense. Our days are filled with learning and fun.

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As the year progresses you will see a lot of change in our first graders. They grow up so much during this year of school. By the end of the year we will be reading like crazy, doing addition and subtraction facts, and writing fabulous sentences. We are so excited to work with each student! It's

going to be a wonderful year and I am grateful to be a part of it!

Mrs. Pickett



Fifth Grade News Flash

Welcome back to school!!! I look forward to a fun and exciting year with our eager and energetic scholars.

In reading we will be covering many skills, reading strategies and genres. We just finished lessons over story elements, prediction, and sequence of events using our story Lazy Jack. Ask your kids about Lazy Jack...poor guy! We are also learning new vocabulary words that are presented to us in our DORs, books, daily work, etc. and are using them in our classes and at home. So, if you hear your child using an "unusual" word, it is probably one of our class words. I encourage them to use them as often as possible—"Use it or Lose it"!!! In the weeks to follow we will be learning more about cause and effect, fact and opinion, inference, theme, play, poetry, using a dictionary, main idea, summarizing, etc.

This year I will also be teaching Language Arts- LA, spelling, writing. I will be teaching spelling patterns to the classes, however, it is important for them to study their words every night. Spelling is not only memorization, but also knowing the patterns. If time allows, a practice spelling test before Friday's test may be helpful.

AR----I have introduced the students to a more challenging and rewarding AR system, and I've seen amazing results so far. Shared and/or independent reading time is important and required in my classroom daily. I also encourage reading at home each and every day. Your child will earn a fun day of Reading Campout each nine weeks if they make their reading goal. If they are successful each nine weeks they will be eligible for our final AR reward field trip to Laserworld. So.....READ! READ! READ!

In Social Studies we have had group discus-

sions over school etiquette, classroom etiquette, and flag etiquette. We also began our study of the history of the United States Constitution. On Constitution Day the 5th graders performed a short presentation on the Constitution, read quotes from famous people, and recited the Declaration of Independence from memory. They did an AMAZING job!!! Way to go 5th grade!!!

I'm looking forward to an AWESOME year!!!

Mrs. Weber



Reminders! Reminders! Reminders!

From Your Welcome Back Packets...

1. Nursery Elementary School starts at 8:10 A.M. and dismisses at 3:40 P.M. Breakfast is served from 7:10 A.M. to 7:50 A.M. The doors to the school will open at 7:10 A.M. **Please do not drop your child off any earlier than 7:10.**

2. We have a circular drive for dropping off and picking up children. When you pick up your child in the afternoon, please get in line with the other cars. We have a system in place to move you along quickly. **Do NOT park your car and come in to pick up your child.**

NEW INFORMATION.... We understand that you may have days when you need to avoid the car line due to appointments or activities. In striving to meet the needs of all NISD families and have a fast moving system in place, we will make the following available to those who on occasion **need** to leave as quickly as possible:

Arrive BEFORE 3:40

Enter through our North Gate and Park in the slots by the front playground

The outside duty staff member will call for your child

We will deliver your child to your vehicle

