



Cougar Cat Chat

Nursery Elementary School

Welcome Back to School!

We are so excited about once again having the opportunity to work with your children. An elementary school educator's main goal should be the advancement of learning while having fun. I agree with the quote from Tony

Buzan, "Learning how to learn is life's most important skill". As children start their school years, it is our job to teach them how to learn but we can also be playful due to their age. Every student from the age of five to eleven needs to experi-

ence daily joy and happiness. Goodness, at age 53 I still want to enjoy my time at Nursery Elementary School!

Mrs. Suzanne Bell

Welcome Back!



Successful Book Fair

I would like to thank Parents, Grandparents, Staff and Students in making the Book Fair a SUCCESS! Our Gross Sales were \$3,950.53, which is the top sales of all Book Fairs we have hosted here

at Nursery Elementary. This is truly AWESOME! Thank you! The Library's profit was \$930.47 along with cash donations of \$31.98 to be used to purchase books for the Library. I also would like to thank LeAnn Spitzenberger and Michele Martinez, my

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

Thank you,
Day Hoffman, Librarian

Kinder Kids

tions, or signals, that go with each letter sound. We'll be sounding out words and reading before the year is through! And we're learning how to write lower-case letters, too. Pretty soon we'll be writing our own names All by ourselves. What big kids we are growing up to be! Math is so much fun with all the play activities we get to do

to help us learn. We use playdough and pattern blocks, linking cubes, and foam shapes. Our whole class can count to 10 now and we can't wait to count all the way to 100 and have a BIG celebration on the 100th day of school.

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Suzanne Bell, Principal
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Want to stay connected?

- Our school website is www.nurseryisd.org
- Our school blog is www.nurserycougars.blogspot.com

How to sign up for Nursery Cougar messages?

- To receive messages, text @nurseryco to (817) 756-9341. You can opt out at anytime. Standard text message rates may apply.

Want to know if your books at home are AR books?

- Download the "BookScanner App" to your smartphone

Upcoming events...

- Early out Sept 27
- PTO meeting and Spaghetti Dinner Oct 1
- 2nd Cup with Mrs. Hooper Oct 11
- Fall pictures Oct 11



We're off to a great start this year!

Zoo-phonics keeps us on our toes as we learn the sounds and letters of the alphabet. Our animal friends and their songs help us learn through special mo-



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Kinder Kids cont.

Mrs. Hooper is teaching us all about families in social studies. She teaches us science and art too! We have already learned about being part of a community and we got to paint our handprints on our community poster. We are like one big happy family here in our Nursery Elementary community! We love to listen to stories and we are halfway to our goal of having everyone in the class earn the A.R Party at the end of the quarter. Thanks, moms and dads, for reading to us and helping us with our homework! We love you!

"Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten.

Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, But there in the sand pile at Sunday school.

These are the things I learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life -

Learn some and think some

And draw and paint and sing and dance

And play and work everyday some.

Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out into the world,
Watch out for traffic,
Hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder."

by Robert Fulghum



Mrs. Hoffman and the Kinder Kids playing a Zoo-phonics learning game.

Ms. A's 4th and 5th grade

Welcome back to school and Ms. A's 4th and 5th grade reading class. I look forward to a fun and exciting year of adventure, drama and comedy through our books and learning materials.

In reading we will be covering many skills, 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 will also be learning more about cause and effect, fact and opinion, theme, play, poetry, using a dictionary, main idea, summarizing, etc.

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. So.....READ! READ! READ!

In Social Studies we have had group discussions 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

recited the Declaration of Independence from memory and sang a song entitled Patriotic People. They were accompanied by a great slide show created by them and Mrs. Addie Bell. They did an AMAZING job!!! Way to go 5th grade!!!

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

Ms. Afferbach



5th Grade ready for their Constitution Day Program!