



Cougar Cat Chat

Nursery Elementary School

Fun in First Grade



What a great time of the year for First grade! Students have learned all the routines and procedures and are cruising along with their academics. You would be amazed at how well they are all reading just since the beginning of the year. Fabulous job First Graders!!!!

Our day starts off with some Language practice. We have spelling and parts of speech. Students are writing sentences and working on their handwriting. Wow what a difference a few weeks of handwriting practice makes. First grade is also working on a program called Phonics Dance. We have reviewed the alphabet and are beginning to learn "Hunks and Chunks." Ask your student for a preview.

The next subject we work on is Reading. Not only are we reading in our basal series, but students are reading everything they can get their hands on. It is so exciting. This is also the time they work on reading skills and strategies. During the year we will learn things like main idea, cause and effect, sequencing, inferencing, summarizing, genres, text features, poetry and so

much more.

After lunch we tackle math. Our class has been counting, adding, graphing, and making patterns. They are busy busy mathematicians. Students have started learning their addition math facts and will continue with this throughout the year. They are also working on using "Touch Points" in math so... no fingers!!

Our afternoons are filled with Science and Social Studies. We've covered subjects like fire safety, all about me, homes, communities, living and nonliving, weather graphing, and map skills. These are only a few of the areas we have touched on so far. We hope to do several science experiments in the future.

Last but not least is Accelerated Reading time. Students are reading books and taking tests. They are work-

ing toward meeting individual goals so they can participate in things like Reading Campout, Certification Levels, and a big trip at the end of the year. I want to thank Mrs. Joyce Bell for volunteering to read with the students. They enjoy her company and I definitely appreciate the help.

All in all, we are having a wonderful year. It is so busy and is going by too quickly. Thanks to all the parents for your time and help in making your child a successful student. Keep reading, adding and spending those extra minutes with your child. It makes a huge difference in their progress.

I can't wait to continue this journey. It is going to be an awesome year!

Mrs. Pickett



Suzanne Bell, Principal
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- Our school blog is www.nurserycougars.blogspot.com

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Upcoming events...

- Oct 25—End of 1st nine weeks—Corn Maze Field Trip
- Oct 28-Nov 1—Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 29— School Board Meeting 6:00
- Oct 31—Math Matters
- Oct 31—Student Council Dance 2:30-3:30
- Nov 12 PTO Meeting

4th and 5th Grade Math and Science News

Wow it's hard to believe the end of the first nine weeks is drawing near! Time really does fly when you're having fun! Here are a few highlights of all the activity in 4th and 5th grade math and science.

Both grades started off the new school year reviewing place value by comparing and ordering whole numbers and decimals. We explored decimals using money, grids, and number lines. 4th grade then moved onto

rounding whole numbers. 4th and 5th grade discovered how to solve multiplication problems by building area models. 5th grade used base 10 blocks to build division problems and learned the 3 ways to interpret remainders.

In Science, we started the year off by learning about lab safety and the different tools we will be using in our investigations. We explored matter and the properties of matter. Next, 4th grade investigated

comparing hot and cold and what happens when heat is added and removed from different objects. 5th grade began examining mixtures and solutions and comparing and contrasting the two.

As you can see, we have been very busy and are looking forward to a year full of learning and growing!

Laura Schulz



Mrs. B's Awesome 4th and 5th Grade Students

It is hard to believe we are finishing up the first nine weeks of school. The time has gone by fast and furious. Our grammar lessons, spelling lessons, along with our writing assignments have kept us extremely busy. Our grammar lessons have included nouns, verbs, subject, predicate, using punctuation and capitals in our writing, conjunctions, and past, present, future tenses. The students have written some amazing stories that have included an object that they created and

described in a paragraph, a descriptive story about a vehicle and the driver, and our most recent writing was a narrative paper in which the main character was an insect that had a conversation with a friend in a detailed setting. It has been great to read these amazing papers the students have written. The student's papers have hung on the wall in the hall and have been read and enjoyed by the other students, the teachers, Mrs. Bell, and the visitors we have had this year. We have worked

and learned a lot these first nine weeks of school. This is just the beginning of what we are going to accomplish this year.

Thank You for letting me teach your children,

Mrs. Bordovsky