



Cougar Cat Chat

Nursery Elementary School

School Board

Dear Students and Staff,

At the meeting of Nursery I.S.D. Board of Trustees, this week, we were honored by all of you.

We were given gifts of candy, tumblers (that is just perfect for soda floats), hand cream, note pads, picture of 2nd grade, mosaic picture with attached autographed wooden heart, cookies, homemade jelly and pickles, and the most treasured gifts: letters from students, handmade cards,

posters, and a poster book which included hand prints in the shape of a heart. We truly love each and everyone of you and we do the job that we do, as board members, because of our love and concern for all of our students and staff. You all are the greatest!

So we thank you for showing your appreciation of what we do to insure you receive the best education you can while you are a member

of the Nursery Cougar campus.

This school year is certainly flying by, so please do the best you can in your classes and have a fantastic rest of the year. See you on campus!

Hugs from the Board,

Mrs. Schuenemann, Mrs. Yearwood, and Mrs. Rhodes



5th Grade

Denton Sherwood 241.5 pts—TOP READER
Tyler Brink 88.2 pts
Courtney Bustos 74.3 pts
Sierra Pena 67.4 pts
Dawson Roach 55.7 pts

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News from the Library

As of February 10, 2014 at 8:37am to be exact, we have 23 students who have read and earned over 50 AR points with an average of 80% or better. CONGRATULATIONS NURSERY COUGARS!

2nd Grade

Keona Wells 63.6 pts
Evan Florida 57.5 pts

3rd Grade

Wyatt Montgomery 85.8 pts
Carter Dyer 53.7 pts

4th Grade

Katherine Norman 229.9 pts
Brooke Spitzenberger 223.2 pts
Daizy Roach 217.3 pts
Ashley Resendez 127.3 pts
Cassidy Zimmermann 125.5 pts
Natalie Modrow 108.3 pts
Megan Martinez 105.6 pts
Kinsley Rehak 92.7 pts
Hayden Land 86.2 pts
Ashly Sanchez 73.8 pts
Kennedy Dudley 68.3 pts
Ty Foeh 64.5 pts
Carlos Sanchez 60.6 pts
Jennifer Sanchez 59.5 pts

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...

- *Feb 19 Progress Reports Sent home
- *Feb 21 9:00 2nd Cup of Coffee
- *Feb 25 6:00 School Board
- *Feb 27 County Spelling Bee
- *March 4 6:00 PTO
- *March 5 Muffins with Mom
- *March 6 Donuts with Dad
- *March 7 8:30 Birthday Assembly and Talent Show
- *March 9 Day Light Savings
- *March 10-14 Spring Break
- *March 18 7:40 Student Council
- *March 20 6:00 Science Fair
- *March 21 9:00 2nd Cup of Coffee

Library News Cont...

AR Certification Awards have been achieved by 100 students so far, K-5th grade. The different levels receive a \$5 cougar paw plus for each level a homework pass, lunch on the stage, lunch with me in the library, library helper for a class, name on the marquee, a guest reader for a class of their choice, or a TAG for every 100 points earned. The award levels of the students are displayed in the cafeteria. As you see, there is a lot of competition going on here. We have already exceeded last year's points at this point in time. I LOVE IT!

Mrs. Hoffman, Librarian

Why Reading is Important

1. Kids who read often will get better at it.
2. Reading exercises our brains.
3. Reading improves our concentration.
4. Reading teaches about the world around them.
5. Reading improves a child's vocabulary.
6. Reading develops a child's imagination.
7. Reading helps kids develop understanding.
8. Children who read do better in school.
9. Reading is a great form of entertainment.
10. Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.

<http://everydayadventure11.blogspot.com/2011/11/10-reasons-why-reading-is-important-for.html>

Fun in First Grade!

Happy February! It's hard to believe that we are halfway through with our school year. This year is flying by and First Graders are making tremendous progress! This is an amazing group of students!

Our days are filled with reading! We are learning to compare and contrast, draw conclusions, and make inferences. The students are getting better and better with comprehension and fluency. AR is a big part of our day. You would be amazed to see how many AR books our class has read this year.

We are in full swing with

Math Skills also. Problem solving with addition and subtraction has been our main focus recently and it is quite challenging. Students are finding information, choosing strategies, solving problems and double checking their work.

Writing is also so important

during our day. The students are writing sentences and beginning to understand the concept of a paragraph. We're still working on those capital letters and end marks. They know all about "Be" verbs and can find nouns and action verbs in sentences.

Science and Social Studies are always fascinating to first graders. Our class is studying the heart. We've learned all about blood and vessels. They are loving it!!!



Ask your child how big their heart is and what happens with their heart when they exercise.

These last few months are going to fly by also, but I am looking forward to each day as I watch the children's smiles, their excited faces, and as I hear the thrill of success in their voices. Watch out second grade... we are getting ready!!!

Mrs. Pickett