



Cougar Cat Chat

Nursery Elementary School

Spelling Bee



Norman (left), 4th grade. The two will advance to the Victoria County Spelling Bee, on February 27, 2014.

Also congratulations to Kesli Pratka, a former Nursery Student, who won co-champion of the Cuero Intermediate Spelling Bee.

Good luck to Natalie, Katherine and Kesli, as they prepare for their next competition.

Eleven students from Nursery Elementary participated in the local spelling bee on Dec. 18. After several rounds of competition, two students

battled it out for the championship. The first place winner was Natalie Modrow (right), 4th grade; the second place winner was Katherine

GT News

The students in the Gifted and Talented program have been busy with their Texas Performance Standards projects! There is a lot of learning going on!

Fourth and Fifth grades are working together this year and their topic of study is "Utopian Destination." This project involves the development of a city. The students act as urban planners and are

researching, planning and designing a city of their imagination. They have studied the history of Nursery, TX and are "taking it to the future!" They are currently in the process of developing their site map and laying their city out. They will then construct the city from LEGO products and display it at our campus GT Expo later this spring, as well as take it to the Region



III Product Fair in May. Second and Third Grade students are investigating "The Ripple Effect: A Study of Water." In this task, they are learning about the properties of water and issues surrounding the quality and quantity of water sources.

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- Our school blog is www.nurserycougars.blogspot.com

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- 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...

- Jan 23—UIL Small School in Meyersville
- Jan 23—Reports cards sent home
- Jan 24—Reading Campout
- Jan 29—6:00 School Board meeting
- Jan 31—8:30 Nine Week Awards & Birthday Assembly
- Feb 4—6:00 PTO and Science Night
- Feb 14—Reading Rocks and Student Council Dance
- Feb 17—School Holiday

GT News cont...

Interesting videos and books regarding water in storms, flooding, and droughts have been instrumental in teaching about the power of water, as well as its importance in our survival. Their research has also included experiments that have been conducted to introduce the filtering process through which water is

purified for drinking, and to exemplify erosion from water. Another excellent resource this group is enjoying is the new "Science Solves It" book series, which utilizes critical thinking skills in order to solve the problems encountered in the stories.

The G.T. kiddos are

5th Grade with Ms. A

Wow!!! We have made it another 9 weeks....and what a great nine weeks it was!!!

Cause and effect, fact and opinion, sequence, summarizing, and inferring are just a few of the skills and strategies 4th and 5th have covered. We are rediscovering main idea and supporting details this week. I'm really looking forward to our poetry unit that isn't far behind. We've also developed some really good hints and notes for remembering our concepts and look for them in our classroom stories and lessons.

I must also give a shout out to an amazing group of students. They are so eager to read this year. So many big books flying around my room with BIG stories. Keep up the good work. Thanks guys!!!!

We are doing a good job of making our AR goals. Con-

F.A.N.S.

F.A.N.S. is Families Assisting Nursery Students

It is heart-warming to greet folks at our front door when they are coming to work with our Cougars! It is equally

uplifting for the parents and grandparents who enjoy spending their time on our campus, enhancing the learning of our students. If you have an hour here and there, please consider be-

enjoying their projects, and I am certainly enjoying working with them and providing opportunities for challenging learning to occur!

~Rhonda Hooper



grats to those that earned it. Mrs. Roberts and I are going to try a few new things and with lots of luck we will have complete classroom goals met. READ, READ, READ!!!

Ms. Afferbach

Technology in the Classroom

We are fortunate to have a wonderful PTO. This year our PTO purchased 15 mini iPads for teachers and students to use in the classroom. This year for Thanksgiving and Christmas, Ms. A put together QR Code activities, which were enjoyed by many students. In the hallway there were different QR Codes hung, the students would scan the code with the iPad and different videos about Thanksgiving or Christmas would play for them.

THANK YOU PTO!



ing a F.A.N. and come read with your kiddos, help with bulletin boards, enjoy some time in the flower beds...just any use of your time and talents will be appreciated!