



Cougar Cat Chat

Nursery Elementary School

Thank You

The PTO would like to thank all the parents and staff who made Spring Fling a huge success this year! This was the best year by far! Please join us at the next PTO meeting in May for a total profit reveal. We couldn't have done it without all of you who donated items/your time, helped set up/clean up, came to Spring Fling and

purchased items.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Harryman for all her hard work making the games so fun for the kids; she will be greatly missed next year.

Most importantly, we want to thank all of our sponsors that donated items to the Spring Fling. Without their generosity the auction could

not have happened.

Please take time to visit our sponsors and say thank you for donating and helping us create a fabulous fundraiser for the students of Nursery Elementary.

Nursery PTO Officers



Third Grade Reports In...

Can you believe it? I cannot believe that we are already in the 4th nine weeks of school! This year has flown by so quickly! I am extremely proud of this group of 3rd graders. They have been working very hard and learning to RESPECT each other even more. I hope that they will take this with them as they become 4th grade students next year.

As the school bell rings we start our day off with a little Math review and AR reading. As we finish this, our next act is to move into Language

Arts. We work on our spelling skill for the week and prepare for our spelling test which is usually on Friday. Following Language Arts we work on grammar and then writing. Last week we focused on pronoun and verb agreement. During writing we are working on developing our writing pieces to become great writers and are working on our cursive handwriting.

The rest of our morning is filled with Science and Social Studies. We have been learning about force and motion

in Science. The students really enjoy performing experiments and closely follow lab rules and procedures. In Social Studies the students are learning about cultural characteristics. We will begin studying about a few events that are held in our community each year.

After lunch the students work on Reading. We have been reading the book *Because of Winn-Dixie*. The students have really enjoyed reading about Opal and her special dog Winn-Dixie.

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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

Your Invited!

Who: 5th Grade Students and their parents
What: Cuero Intermediate School Tour
When: Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Where: Cuero Intermediate School (CIS)
502 Park Heights Drive
Cuero, TX

You will be meeting the Principal and Counselor. Registration packets will be available.

Upcoming events...

- *April 22—STAAR Testing Math 3rd and 4th Grade
- *April 23—STAAR Testing Reading 3rd and 4th Grade
- *April 24—STAAR Testing Science 5th Grade
- *April 25—9:00 2nd Cup of Coffee
- *April 29—6:00 School Board Meeting
- *April 30—Progress Reports sent home
- *May 2—Early Release @ 12:40
- *May 6—4th & 5th GT Safety Fest PTO Meeting
- *May 13—7:40 Student Council Meeting
- *May 15—CIS 5th Grade Orientation
- *May 16—Library Closes 8:30 Cougar Creations

Third Grade continued



taught throughout the school year. Students will be taking their STAAR Reading test Wednesday, April 23rd. Please make sure your child goes to bed early and eats a good break-

that helped to make this event so great. We appreciate each and every one of you!

As we approach the end of the school year I always reflect back on the time I have spent with each group of students. This group of students has worked so hard this year and continues to amaze me. I am so proud of all of their hard work and dedication and I will miss them all so much! Thank you parents for all of the time you spend reinforcing academics at home with your child. Without your support and involvement our school would not be what it is today. I hope everyone has a wonderful remainder of the school year.

Mrs. Thibodeaux

We will be viewing the video once we have finished the entire book. I am exceedingly proud of this group of third grade students because they all have met their AR goal every single nine week period and have gotten to enjoy our "Reading Campout." Reading is an important part of any child's growth and development, and these students are truly enjoying reading at school and at home.

The students have also been brushing up on their Reading strategies and skills in preparation for the upcoming STAAR test. We have practiced reading passages and reviewed all of the terms

fast.

Math follows our Reading lesson and ends our busy school day. During this time we have been working on reviewing all of the terms taught throughout the year. We have focused on probability, geometry, multiplication, and many other Math skills. The students will be taking their STAAR Math test on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Spring Fling was a huge success! Thank you to PTO and all of our wonderful parents



Technology News

Whether it is at a laptop, a regular computer, or on an iPad, the Nursery Cougars are gaining



proficiency and experience in technology each day at school!

Many of our routine programs are computer-based, such as I-Station, Accelerated Reader (AR), Think Through Math and other fun educational games. In addition, students are learning how to rely upon the internet for understanding homework, researching a school project or topic, and gaining knowledge about a favorite activity. The age of technology is an ever-developing, rapidly-

growing sign of the times and the Cougars are being prepared to be successful using this means of communication. Your students are instructed in keyboarding skills, internet safety, and awareness of cyber-bullying. They are blessed to attend a school where technology is recognized as an important feature of the current education trends and is made readily available in their daily learning.

~Rhonda Hooper