

Kindergarten

Reading: Poetry, songs, and Expository texts **Writing:** Creating our very own poems and songs modeled after the ones we hear in class, Persuasive writing **Math:** Continue to read, write, and represent numbers to 20, Compare and identify 2D and 3D shapes, Data and surveys, Compose and Decompose numbers, counting forward and backwards to 20. **Science:** Life cycle of plants, Physical charac. of Insects, Physical characteristics of Farm Animals, Physical charac. of animals of the African Savanna **Social Studies:** Women's History, Basic Needs, Going to Work, Technology Then & Now








Second Grade

Second grade is getting ready for a field trip! We will be heading to SeaQuest on March 22nd. The bus will leave school around 9:45. We will attend the aquarium at 11:00, and then eat lunch near the food court at Ridgmar Mall. The cost for chaperones and students is \$7.00. Please remember that we are a cash only campus. Your student has been learning two and three digit math problems for addition and subtraction. The amount of knowledge your student is learning is AMAZING! Oh, on another note, we are learning about different rocks in science and heroes in social studies. Who is your child's favorite hero? Students are quite the readers! Middle of the year DRA testing was completed in January. Students should be at a DRA 24 by this time of second grade. Students have been busy learning to read, but the focus shifts. We are now reading to learn! If you have any questions about your student's DRA level, please don't hesitate to ask.

Fourth Grade

In fourth grade math we are reviewing multiplication and division skills. We are learning different methods for multiplying and dividing and learning how to use our skills in story problems. We are practicing in multi-step problems as well. In science we are focusing on Earth changes including tides, shadows, season, and moon phases. In reading we are working on theme and different reading strategies. In writing we are continuing to work diligently on our expository essays by applying strong hooks, thesis statements, details and conclusions in our papers. We enjoyed our time in Austin and San Antonio, so we are going to continue to learn about Texas after the Revolution.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I have a FEVER	I am VOMITING	I have DIARRHEA	I have a RASH	I have HEAD LICE	I have an EYE INFECTION	I have been IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.0° or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever-reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin).	Free from vomiting for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of medication.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of medication.	Free from rash, itching, and/or fever. If needed, I have been evaluated by my doctor.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home & return to nurse the next day for head check.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.	Released by medical provider to return to school.
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InSPURations

Every Friday morning we will be celebrating InSPURations - a time when we recognize our SPURs of the Week. If you plan to attend, please check in at the front office for a visitor's tag.

First Grade

Social Studies - Important people, The Earth and Us, and Geography **Math** -Patterns, Counting (quantity and skip counting) Practice counting to 100 forwards and backwards, math facts (adding and subtracting) to 20, counting pennies, nickels and dimes **Reading** -Nonfiction (Identifying important facts) and Research **Writing** - Realistic Fiction- Create Characters **Science** - Life Science **Field Trip- Friday, April 13th to Mainstay Farms** Permission slips and information to go home mid-March.

Third Grade

Math- students will begin to understand measures of liquid volume and weight. We will also review addition, subtraction, and multiplication. **Reading**- students will focus on close reading and an author study. Close reading will help students to analyze a variety of literary texts by drawing conclusions about characters, theme, and author's use of sensory language. **Writing**- students will begin a new unit titled Changing the World. In this unit, students will see that their voice matters and writing can help them express opinions that create change. Students will write persuasive speeches, editorials, and petitions, learning how to gather facts and details to support their opinions. **Social Studies**- students will be learning about the foundations of economic enterprise, inventors, and a local history unit focused on writers and artists. **Science**- students will be focused on space and environmental changes. Also, please be on the lookout for information about our **field trip** to the zoo on May 22nd.

Fifth Grade

Up in fifth grade our calendar is bulging with upcoming events. We are looking forward to camp, Spring Break, testing, and more testing. With all that is going on, our fifth graders continue to power through with tenacity. Teachers have combed through recent benchmark data to target specific skills needed to help students be more successful. Please continue to encourage students to focus in class and turn in their assignments on time. Our overnight camp trip is right around the corner! As a reminder, students not attending camp must report to school or they will be marked absent. Thank you for all that you do to support your children and their teachers.

Welcome to the
School Counselor's Corner



Dear SPUR Family,

We are still in the process

of transitioning to our new counselor. The interview process is over and we have found our newest SPUR family member! We hope that she will be able to begin full time with us soon. She is enthusiastic, energetic and is anxious to begin the next chapter of her educational career as our Counselor! We look forward to introducing her at an upcoming InSPURations!



Be sure to check out the school lunch menu on your smart phone through the free Nutrislice app!

Breakfast \$1.35

Lunch \$2.55

How to Put Money in Your Students' Account:

The cafeteria serving lines are automated and all student information is in the computer. This makes it easy for parents to deposit money in their child's **BANK-A-MEAL** account for meals and a la carte foods. As students "purchase" meals that amount is debited from that account. We also offer pre-payment from debit and credit cards using the website: www.myschoolbucks.com

A Note from the Principal

The staff truly appreciates the support that we have received about becoming a Blue Zone school. Many parents have expressed how happy they are that we are taking health very seriously and are working hard to teach healthy habits to our students. If you are not familiar with Blue Zone, please look at the lower left corner informational box on this page for more details. We also have large signs in the front foyer with more information about Blue Zone schools. We look forward to continuing to work with you and thank you for helping us support a healthy lifestyle here in Spur Country!

Please Note the School Hours!!

In order to comply with the state law requirement that we have 75,600 minutes of instruction in a school year, our start time is 7:35am. Our school doors open at 7:05 am so please have your child(ren) to school on time. (There is no supervision prior to 7:05, so please do not drop off prior to 7:05 am.) Dismissal time is at 2:40. **The tardy bell rings at 7:35am.**



Box Tops and Labels for Education



Remember to save both of these items all year long. All money raised goes back to the school. Be sure to see our Box Top display wall in the hallway - the students love this!

Great Expectations Word of the Week

March 5-9	Effort
March 19-23	Forgiveness
March 26-30	Dignity
April 2-6	Patriotism
April 9-13	Initiative
April 16-20	Humanitarianism
April 23-27	Temperance
April 30-May 4	Loyalty

Important Dates to Remember

March 6-8	5 th grade to El Tesoro
March 12-16	Spring Break
March 23	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
March 26	PTA General Meeting 6:30
March 27	Extended PLC/Career Day
March 30	No school OR Bad Weather Make-up day
April 7	PTA Spring Fling & Color Run 10:00-1:00
April 10	4 th Grade STAAR Writing, 5 th Grade STAAR Math
April 11	5 th Grade STAAR Reading
April 13	EMSISD District Art Show @ HCTC 6:00-8:00
	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks Grading Period
April 16	CSES Kinder program at 6:00pm
April 28	Girls on the Run 5-K Run/Walk

Pick-up & Drop-off Reminders

If you need to change the typical way that your child(ren) will be picked up after school, please send a note to your child's teacher. If your child typically goes to day care after school, please be sure to notify the daycare the day of the change. Parents, please stay in your vehicle during afternoon pick-up. If you would like to exit your vehicle, please park in a parking spot. Do not exit your vehicle while you are in line to pick-up/drop-off your child - doing so holds up the line for everyone else. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Comanche Springs is on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us so that you can receive updates, information, and celebrations!
<https://www.facebook.com/comanchespringselem>
on twitter: @mmendellAP, #itsaspurthing #bethespark



“Blue Zones Project makes it easy for schools to teach students how to lead longer, happier lives. Schools are already an essential part of helping kids make smart choices about staying healthy. By encouraging better eating habits, implementing tobacco free policies, and increasing physical activities, schools can use Blue Zones Project to help students and parents form healthy habits for life.” Part of being a Blue Zone Project school is promoting smart choices and staying healthy. In 2018, we plan to celebrate birthdays in a different way in order to promote healthier choices. **We will no longer bring food or other items for birthdays in 2018.** Students will now celebrate birthdays within the classroom through a song, wearing of a birthday hat or cape, and receiving a spirit stick and pencil at InSPURations. Thank you for helping us support a healthy lifestyle!

Want Information Fast?

There are several ways that you can access information:

- District Website: www.emsisd.com
- Campus Website
- Our Facebook Page and/or Twitter Account
- You can also sign up for Family Access that reports on your child's grades, attendance, and any discipline referrals.

News from our PTA

Look for up to date information on our Facebook Page and our website (www.spurspta.com).

We ♥ volunteers!