

## Kindergarten

**Reading**-Students will continue to grow enthusiasm for reading so that reading becomes a lifelong love. They will work on becoming more independent readers using the strategies they have learned this year.

**Writing**-Students will take on writing projects of their choice using the skills they have acquired this year.

**Math**-Counting to 30. Students will solve addition and subtraction problems multiple ways. Students will sort attributes. Students will learn about money, what the coins are called and what their worth is. They will learn how we make money and what to do with money.

**Social Studies**-Changes over time

**Science**-Animal characteristics and their usefulness to the environment.

## Second Grade

As we are winding down the year, we would like to remind you to continue to check social media for updated events. This is a busy time of the year! Please look at dates for field day, awards, class parties, etc. Also, with summer coming, we encourage you to have your child read during the summer. The public libraries have lots of events to keep your student reading and engaged in learning. Children do forget skills and knowledge learned in the previous school year. But if we can keep students engaged in learning/reading throughout the summer, students may improve their knowledge. No summer slide for our second graders! Thank you for a great year.:-)

## Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is preparing for STAAR and our 4th Grade Annual Economics' Fair. We take the Reading and Math STAAR May 14th and 15th. Students are busy learning about the financial side of the Economics' Fair in math as far as profit and losses. In ELAR and Social Studies we will be busy learning all about the marketing aspect of selling our items! We are super excited about the end of the year activities! Make sure you are working on your projects and trifold at home. After STAAR, students will begin working on their marketing posters to hang around the school to advertise their items!

## School Nurse News

Just a reminder from the clinic: The end of the year is quickly approaching. If you have medications for your child at school, please make arrangements to pick them up from the clinic. Medications CANNOT be sent home with students. Daily medications, Inhalers, and Emergency Medications should be picked up by the last day of school. Any medications left at school after the last day will be discarded. Thank you

## InSPURations

We celebrated our last InSPURation assembly for this school year on Friday, April 27. We appreciate all the visitors that we had through the year who joined us on Friday mornings!

## First Grade

Awards are on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00

Field Day is May 24<sup>th</sup> - more details to come

Economics fair is May 23<sup>rd</sup>

End of Year Class parties will be at 1:30 on May 30<sup>th</sup>

First grade is doing "Camp-Learn-A-Lot" May 14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. If your child has a small camping chair or small play tent for their classroom to use, please let their classroom teacher know.

## Third Grade

**Reading**- Author's Study Unit

**Math**- Review of math concepts. Please continue practicing multiplication facts and utilizing Prodigy daily.

**Writing**- Persuasive writing speeches and will be completing a Writing Portfolio Reflection.

**Science**- Life cycles

**Social Studies**- Inventors and local writers and artists.

May 14<sup>th</sup>- Math STAAR

May 15<sup>th</sup>- Reading STAAR

May 21<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards @5:00pm

May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Field Trip to the Fort Worth Zoo

## Fifth Grade

As we near the end of this school year, The Fifth Grade Team would like to sincerely thank all parents for their continued support. In the remaining month we will continue with the outlined district curriculum preparing our soon to be Sixth Graders for future success. Please be on the lookout for information about end of year activities that will be sent via email and/or flyer. Over the summer, please encourage your child to read and practice their math skills to help prevent "summer slide".

## Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



I would like to thank all of the parents, staff, and students for my warm welcome to CSES. I am loving every minute of it and feel right at home. I would like to thank all of the parents for completing the needs assessment. I value your feedback and have used it to help design our counseling program for the end of the year. I have enjoyed doing guidance lessons throughout the school. After next week, I will have seen all of the grade levels. Some of our topics include friendship, kindness, bullying, sticky fingers, and test-taking strategies. I have several small groups and individual sessions up and running on various topics (Girl Power, Organizational Skills, Self-Confidence, Self-Esteem, Anger, Divorced Families, Grief, etc.). I have partnered with our Girls on the Run program and Heartis Senior Living so that we can learn about making a difference in the community. Girls on the Run will be visiting Heartis in May to read to the senior residents. I am currently working on a pep rally to kick off our end of the year STAAR testing. Stay tuned! We are off to a great start and will continue to do great things at Spurville. Thanks again for your support!



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](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

**A Note from Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Mendell**

As we are winding down this school year, it is important to look back and reflect. Reflect on all that we have accomplished, after all, reflection is an important part of growing and learning! This school year has been amazing and we have enjoyed watching all the students practice the Expectations for Living and treating each other with kindness and compassion

We have truly enjoyed partnering with each of you this year as we worked together to make it a successful year for all children.

We hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing summer!

Respectfully, M&M

“We do not learn from experience...we learn from reflecting on experience.” John Dewey

**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!

**Important Dates to Remember**

April 30-May 4-Teacher Appreciation Week  
 Tuesday May 1st-Kinder Round-up 5:00-6:30  
 Monday May 14-STAAR Math Grades 3 and 4, STAAR Grade 5 Math re-test (No visitors please)  
 Tuesday May 15-STAAR Reading Grades 3 and 4, STAAR Grade 5 Reading re-test (No visitors please)  
 Wednesday May 16-STAAR Science Grade 5 (No visitors please)  
 Monday May 21-AWARDS Grade 3 at 5:00 and Grade 2 at 6:30  
 Tuesday May 22-AWARDS Grade 1 at 5:00 and Grade 4 at 6:30  
 Wednesday May 23-AWARDS Kindergarten at 5:30  
 Thursday May 24-AWARDS Grade 5 at 5:30  
 Wednesday May 23-Grade 4 Economics Fair  
 Thursday May 24-FIELD DAY  
 Friday May 25-NO SCHOOL!  
 Monday May 28-NO SCHOOL!  
 Wednesday May 30-Grade 5 Talent Show at 8:00 and Class Parties at 1:30  
 Thursday May 31-Half Day Students release at 11:40 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

**Great Expectations Word of the Week**

April 30-May 4	Loyalty
May 7-11	Empathy
May 14-18	Fortitude

**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!

**Be sure to follow us on Facebook & Twitter!**

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<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](http://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](http://www.spurspta.com)).

We ♥ volunteers!