



Your Weekly News "Paws" Feb. 22-26, 2010

The mission of St. Cyprian's Episcopal School is to be a community of learners where students are challenged to achieve their highest academic, spiritual and physical potentials in a Christian setting.



HEADS UP BY BRINN WILLIFORD



Many of you know that this past week we had a visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and I would like to share with you the news from the accreditation front. After the five-member SACS accreditation team interviewed staff, students, parents and Board members, examined the requested paperwork, did personal observations of classroom teaching, and discussed their findings among themselves, they as a team have made their decision as to whether or not we are re-accredited. In their preliminary report, they listed for our school ten areas of Commendation, and only three areas for Recommendation. They were extremely complimentary of our school and their experience while they were here.



The final result is that they have recommended our school for ACCREDITATION. We will receive a final, more detailed report in about 20 working days that will spell out the Commendations and suggestions from each of the seven Standards that are reviewed.



I am overjoyed that five complete strangers were able to come in and see what we have known all along - that St. Cyprian's Episcopal School is the BEST educational opportunity going. Thanks to all those that have helped in this process, who are too numerous to thank individually. The accreditation process is like everything else we do here - it takes us all pulling together in a coordinated effort to make our school go.



We made it!

Psalm 31:3 – "For You are my rock and my fortress, for Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me."

Brinn Williford, Head of School



Early Enrollment is Underway

Current families can enroll NOW for Fall 2010. Enroll by March 31st and receive the 2009-2010 tuition rates! Forms have been sent home, and extras are available in the office. Enrollment will be open to the general public beginning Thursday, Feb. 25th, during our Community Open House.

GOOD LUCK D.I. TEAMS!!!

Please join us in wishing St. Cyprian's Destination Imagination Teams the best of luck as they travel to their competition in Mesquite this weekend.

Community Open House

Please join us for our Community Open House on Thursday, February 25th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy entertainment, refreshments and sign up for a chance to win an awesome door prize - a Barnes & Noble Nook - the world's most advanced e-reader. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your teachers and tour the school, and there will be a special presentation in the library. Please invite your friends and family to this special event. If you would like the school to send an invitation to someone you know, please email their name and address to Sheila Adams at adams@saintcyprians.org.

LIBRARY REDEDICATION

Come help us celebrate Dr. George L. Clarke's 100th birthday as we rededicate our library in his honor this Thursday, February 25th, at 6:00 PM during Open House.

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 25 th	Open House
Feb. 27 th	D.I. Competition
Mar. 3 rd	TAKS Tests
Mar. 5 th	5K & 1 st Grade Texas Parade
Mar. 8 th	3 rd Grade Parent Meeting
Mar. 9 th -12 th	Book Fair
Mar. 11 th	Free Dress Day
Mar. 15 th -19 th	Spring Break

LUNCH MENUS will go home on Tuesday, February 23rd and will be due on Thursday, February 25th.



Grade Level News

3K News: This week we will continue our study of the animals of Africa, as well as some animals that we might see on our excursion to the zoo. Don't forget that permission slips and payment for our zoo trip are due on Wednesday. Also, if you are not driving your child, please remember to drop off a car seat on Friday morning. Our letter of the week is S, and our number is 16. Don't forget to turn in reading

logs on Wednesday and to join us during Open House on Thursday.

4K News: This week we will leave the depths of the rainforests and board a shuttle blasting into space! We will learn about the earth and the other planets that make up our solar system. We will also learn what role the moon has in our universe. Is the sun a planet or a star? We will be answering this question this week. Our letter of the week is Q. The circus was a huge success and we want to send a shout out to our parents for all their hard work! The students looked incredible and we could not have done it without your support. Also, thanks to Ms. Jeannie for helping the great art work and Ms. Greer for volunteering to be the ringmaster again!! Parents, if you would like to donate your child's costume to the school, please bring it to the office. Remember Open House on Thursday! Our students of the week are Connor Talbert, Brett King, Garrett Ivins, and Anna Kate McKinley.

Kindergarten News: We had an awesome time on our Investigative Excursion to the Dental Office of Dr. Amy Ross. We learned a lot about good dental health. We even know how many teeth we have! Thank you so much for having us and for the cookies and treat bags. This week we will begin our "Texas" unit. Our literature selection during language arts includes a variety of "Tall Tales." We will be learning how authors use exaggeration in their stories to make the stories "bigger than life!" During social studies, we will be talking about Texas and our state's symbols. We hope you have come up with some creative float ideas for our Texas parade! Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the float project. We will also be making our own "Texas" books showing some of our state symbols. During math we will continue with Unit 5 which will include measurement. Thank you for helping your children with their math homework. Our Students of the Week are Haley Combs Allie Landry. We hope to see everyone for Open House on Thursday!

1st Grade News: We are so excited about our learning excursion to the George Bush Presidential Library on Tuesday. We will leave at 8:00 sharp! Please send money for lunch and souvenirs in addition to the \$5.00 cost of the tour. In class we are reading books that have been awarded the Caldecott Medal Award. The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published that year. Together with the Newbery Medal, it is the most prestigious American children's book award. In social studies, we are learning about important inventors and inventions that affect our lives today. We will see how inventions changed our lives and made things simple and what inspired those inventions. Sea Sea Dance and Emily Huber are our students of the week.

2nd Grade News: Second Grade will start a new novel called *Insect Invaders*. It is a Magic School Bus chapter book for a study in science about insects and their world. In our reading we will "visit" the insect world. In English we will be writing a story about a little girl named Tess who is riding on a T-Rex with library books in his jaws. We will enter the stories in a contest and see if we can win some neat things for our school. This contest is sponsored by the author Tone Buzzeo. In math we will continue to work on addition facts. We have made "Math Robots" to help us learn our facts. Our student of the week is Laurel Ainsworth.

3rd Grade News: This week in third grade we will study week 24 spelling words and work on Target Reading. We will continue reading *Bug Business*. We will study different kinds of adjectives and work on narratives. In math, the third grade will be learning percents, rate problems, and more about multiples. Third graders will visit Lufkin Recycling Plant Monday morning. We will conclude our study of pollution this week and begin studying all about wind in science class. Thanks to Mrs. Greer for all of her wonderful help in our SEEK class this six weeks. In social studies we will begin learning about the history of Lufkin. We will use a booklet written by area historians and teachers. The title of the book is, "Lufkin: Where Tall Pines Tickle the Toes of Angels".

4th Grade News: This week in fourth grade we will finish reading our novel, *Old Yeller*, and we will work on narratives and comparisons using adjectives and adverbs. We will also study week 24 spelling words and work on Target Reading. In math, the fourth grade will be learning more about decimal numbers and reading a centimeter ruler. Fourth graders will present their projects on the Great Depression or any of the major wars or conflicts for our Texas History class. We will have a test on Thursday in Texas History. Some students have made power points or videos as well as wonderful written reports. We will study about sound in our science class. There will be a test on Friday in science.

5th Grade News: In fifth grade this week, we will study week 24 spelling words and work on Target Reading. We will start a new novel called *Charley Skedaddle*. We will also do comparisons using adjectives and adverbs, learning when to use good and when to use well. We will continue working on our advantages/disadvantages compositions. In math, the fifth grade will be learning more about ratio problems and finding a given percent. Fifth graders will study about the moon phases, the sun and the stars in science and have a test on Wednesday, Feb. 24. In social studies we will finish Chapter 17 and have the test on Thursday, Feb. 25.