School History
Nitsch Elementary was built in 1979 and was named for one of the German families that located in the area as immigrants. The Nitsch family arrived in Galveston in 1885 and shortly began farming in the Klein area. Nitsch Elementary is a Texas Education Agency (TEA) Recognized campus for 2010-11, the first time in school history.

School Rating
Nitsch Elementary is a Met Standard campus for the 2016 school year.

Counseling Program
The campus counselor focuses on anti-drug violence, character education and anti-bullying programs. She also actively works with community resources and parent support.

Parent Involvement
The main goal of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is to work with administration, faculty and the community to better serve the students in the school.

Through membership dues and fundraising efforts, the PTO has donated funds to the school to purchase educational materials and equipment. It is the intent of the PTO to serve as the link between the home and the school.

The PTO meets throughout the year to keep abreast of the programs, activities and concerns of the school. Nitsch volunteers make a huge difference in the lives of our children. Parents and community members are always welcome!
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English Language Arts (ELA)
In the elementary ELA program, the emphasis is on the development of fundamental reading and writing skills. Reading instruction includes training in phonics, structural analysis, sight recognition, context clues, vocabulary development, comprehension and study skills, and literary appreciation. Writing instruction teaches students how to use written language appropriately. Instruction includes specific training in grammar, spelling, handwriting, word usage, punctuation, and capitalization, as well as more generalized training in composing written expressions. Skills in speaking and listening are also taught with the instruction for reading and writing.

Math
At the elementary level, students build a foundation of basic understandings for the following: number, operation, and quantitative reasoning; patterns, relationships, and algebraic thinking; geometry and spatial reasoning; measurement; and probability and statistics.

Science
At the elementary level, students learn science basic skills and how to identify components of the natural world. Students study life, earth, and physical science concepts utilizing a fully-equipped and staffed science lab.

Social Studies
In grades K-12, students build a foundation in history, geography, economics, government, citizenship, culture, science, technology and society, and social studies skills. The content, as appropriate for the grade level or course, enables students to understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enterprise society, and appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation.

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Special Programs
In addition to daily opportunities to learn in new ways, students are able to participate in many other activities related to their interests. Music teachers lead the Nitsch Troubadours (a choral group) and the Orfesstra (an instrumental group using Orff instruments). Our students have been active in the Mars Rover competition, landing first, second and third place prizes in all areas. Students in grades 4 and 5 can be a part of the Princess Knights or Knight Warriors groups, helping students learn about making good life decisions to grow to be productive men and women.

We also have an active group of mentors comprised of both community members and campus personnel. Our Physical Education (P.E.) program is held during the school day and is accessible to all kindergarten through fifth grade students.

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