



## **January 1<sup>st</sup> Jennings Journal**

Hello Jennings,

Welcome to 2014! My hope is that 2014 brings a new sense of joy and promise to everyone's lives! We will continue to use Infinite Campus to keep our community updated. For your mobile device convenience, this weekly email will be sent with the same information posted on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. I hope this offers everyone an additional avenue to receive important school information.

Have a Wonderful Rest of the Week!

Mr. Vuolo :)

### **Jennings Reading Challenge**

We hope that Jennings students took a few quiet moments during the vacation to read some good books! If they did, they can reap the rewards by receiving a free ticket to the upcoming Sound Tiger vs. Hartford Wolfpack game on January 12th. Sound Tiger ticket order forms and payment from the Winter Reading Challenge are due **NO LATER** than January 6th. The order form was sent to your email for convenience. Please send them to Mrs. Hyder via backpack or drop them off in the main office. We hope to see many of you there to celebrate reading and to have some fun with our Jennings friends!

### **Parent University**

Please join us on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the cafeteria for the second of our Parent Math Workshops that will be presented by our Math Science Teacher, Kathleen Ruppert. This workshop will be different from the first one, as it will focus on thinking flexibly in mathematics across the grades in elementary school, and how it supports later development in algebra. You will also have an opportunity to be actively involved in math as you solve authentic problems that the students solve every day. Hope to see you there!

### **Outdoor Recess in Winter Time**

Parents are reminded to please send your children prepared to go outside for recess. We do our best to get the children out into the fresh air, even during the winter. As a general rule, we look for temperatures to be around 30 degrees or higher (including wind chill). Therefore, heavy coats, hats and gloves are a must!

### Mitten Tree

The Jennings community will again be partaking in an annual collection of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for those in need this winter. The Mitten Tree is placed in our front foyer and already is decorated with some of the aforementioned items. It is our hope that we continue to transform this tree into a collection of cold weather items to donate to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. The students will see that there is more than one "Giving Tree" as they read the book and learn an important message about continuing to give back to our community. Please consider purchasing a pair of gloves or mittens, a hat or even a scarf to help transform our tree into a beautiful representation of how caring our community truly is!

### **This week's Reminders:**

**Thursday** Jennings Times 8:00 am

**Friday** "Get Your Silly's Out" 8:15 am  
Grade 5 DARE