



## *April 7th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings,

Well we started last week with snow and ended with 60 degree weather! Typical for New England this time of year! Last weekend was tremendous for UCONN and this past weekend was as well! Let's hope by the end of Tuesday Connecticut is the college basketball capital of the country!

This week is all about reading and writing. We celebrate the end of a sensational Reading Incentive Program and welcome authors to share their inspiration and wisdom. With April vacation just days away, we look to capitalize on "Spring Fever" and harness all the student energy for a wonderfully productive week. Please take a moment to read the information below to keep up to date.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo :)

### **Other important information...**

#### **Reading Incentive Comes to a Close**

What an amazing 4 weeks it has been. Each week the students challenged themselves to reach higher levels, the buzz about reading more minutes was happening in the halls and cafeteria...and the hope is that our students truly got lost in the books they were reading and found enjoyment in escaping into their imaginations through the words on a page. In total week 4 saw the kids read more than 94,000 minutes and the entire month's total was a staggering 306,247 minutes. We are very proud of every student and every class!

#### **Author Visits**

Jennings School cannot think of a better way to wrap up reading incentive than welcome in two wonderful authors. Tara Heder will visit our K-2 students on Monday and Lauren Tarshis visits 3-5 on Thursday. Both of these presentations are supported by the Jennings PTA and organized by Mrs. Kane. Our young readers and writers are excited to hear from these talented women and will surely be inspired to read and write even more than they already do!

#### **Reading Fun Night**

It is all about reading this week! Another fun tradition to wrap up our Reading Incentive Program is the K-2 reading fun night! Come listen to some of your favorite teachers and parents

tell stories and read their favorite books on Thursday night! It is believed that even Mr. Vuolo is planning on sharing a book or two. This is a nice night to sit back and enjoy some stories before bedtime! Hope to see our younger readers there!

### **SBAC**

We are very proud of our grade 5 students as they have finished up their SBAC testing. The 5th graders did a wonderful job and put in their best effort throughout the entire testing period. It was amazing to see their technology skills and their perseverance during each assessment. We are gearing up for our grade 4 students to begin after April vacation.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Mr. C sent home packets for the Annual Jump Rope for Heart challenge. This is a terrific way to promote healthy activity for a great cause...The American Heart Association. If you did not receive a packet or need more information contact Mr. C at [ncagginello@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:ncagginello@fairfieldschools.org) or call the main office. We look forward to Jennings doing a fabulous job!

### **Conferences**

We hope everyone enjoyed conferences. The time and effort put into a 15 minute discussion is tremendous. The staff hopes parents walked away with a better understanding of their child's progress. It is also important to note that communication does not stop there! Ongoing dialogue between home and school is essential to every child's success. We encourage you and your child's teacher to continue to find ways to keep up to date.

This week's reminders:

Monday	9:15 AM Author Visit for K, 1
	10:15 AM Author visit for grade 2
Wednesday	7:00 PM Grade 5 Town Wide Spelling Bee at RLMS
Thursday	8:00 AM Jennings Times
	9:15 AM Grade 3 and 4 Author visit
	11:00 AM Grade 5 Author visit
	6:00 PM Reading Fun Night for K-2
Friday	DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) day