



September 29th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

We are already 1 month into the school year and the staff and students are in a great routine. It is amazing what just a few weeks back in school can do. We hope that your families are also back in the swing of things. It is so very important to establish positive homework routines early in the school year. Establishing a proper space, whether up in an office or bedroom, or at the kitchen table when dinner is being prepared, it is essential that kids have a space with all their materials.

Homework is an extension of the day and also supportive of reinforcing concepts taught at school. Find ways to foster your child's independence with it and reach out to your classroom teacher if homework becomes too difficult to manage. We want to have strong study habits develop in the elementary years and homework plays a role in helping students become more organized.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information

Character Assembly

On Friday we held our first Character Assembly of the school year. Although the technology for presenting at the assembly had some glitches, we managed to have grade4 present information on Constitution Day and we welcomed our newest members of the Student Leadership Team. The main attraction of all of the assemblies is celebrating our Persons of Character. More than 20 students received positive praise for showing good character or working hard in school. Soon the front bulletin board will have pictures of all the students honored for being "One" that makes a difference!

I-Ready

During the next couple of weeks the students in grades 1-5 will begin taking a new math assessment. The assessment will be taken on the computer and will be used to assist our staff in supporting the learning of all the students. The data collected will allow the teachers to target the instruction each student needs in both whole group and small group instruction. It will also allow individualized support to be strategically planned based upon what the relative areas of strength and focus are. The assessment will be taken again in the winter and spring and we will analyze the growth of all students.

Type To Learn

As parents in our school system, you are able to download a program called Type-To-Learn 4 (TTL4) and have your child practice keyboarding skills from home.

For instructions on using TTL4 at home please visit

<http://schcdn.fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/content/uploads/2014/01/Using-TTL4-at-home-instructions.pdf>

Walkathon

The weather looks great for our walkathon this Thursday. Please consider taking a few moments to pledge and reach out to family for their pledges. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS! The goal is around \$12.50 per child and there are wonderful opportunities for some great prizes for those who set even higher goals. This is one of the largest fundraisers of the year and currently we are far from reaching our goal of \$5,000. This healthy event will be a huge support to our wonderful PTA. Remember that all the funds collected go right back to your kids in the form of programming and materials donated to the school. Click on the following link for more detailed information: <http://jenningschoolpta.org/2014/09/18/walk-a-thon/>



Grade 3 students working on a science experiment and recording observations



Grade 5 Students work with the laptops on a writing assignment

This Week's Reminders...

“A” **Monday** **Grade 5 i-Ready testing**
i-Ready testing: 4L 9:05am, 4M 10:10am, 4C 12:00pm
4M RiverLab at 12:00pm
3A i-Ready testing at 1:15pm

“B” **Tuesday**

“C” **Wednesday** **ATB Running at 8:00am**
Gr 4 & 5 Fire safety assembly at 9:15am
Walk-a-thon pledge sheets are due

“D” **Thursday** **It's Custodian's Day!**
Jennings Times at 8:00am

Walk-a-thon at 9:15am
Grade 3 Naglieri testing 10:30-11:45am

“E” **Friday** **Grade 5 Band and Orchestra at 8:00am**

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