

# Welcome to **Jennings Elementary School** Parent Kindergarten Orientation



**Mr. Tony Vuolo Principal**

# *Today's Agenda*

- Welcome
- PTA Welcome
- Nurses Info
- “A Day In A Life” Presentation
- Reading Presentation “The Same Shoes”
- Q and A
- School Tour (If time allows)

# KINDERGARTEN ENTRY PROCESS

Purpose:

To provide you with the necessary information and materials as well as reassurance in order to build trust in our school and confidence that your child will have a successful kindergarten year.





*This mission statement was created by the staff,  
students and parents of Jennings Elementary  
School*

- The mission of the Jennings School community is that every individual is promised safety, opportunity, respect, comfort, dignity and acceptance. We are dedicated to developing critical thinkers who take responsible risks, love to learn, strive for their personal best, and become community leaders.

# KINDERGARTEN HAS CHANGED SINCE WE WERE KIDS...

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"Apples are fine, but I find today's teacher prefers a nice latte."

# KINDERGARTEN GRADS SAY IT BEST...

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**Before I go to school, here are some important things to remember...**

- Make sure you don't forget to pack lunch and snack – kids get hungry in school!
- Always kiss and hug me before I leave, or I may miss you too much.

**While I'm at school, you might miss me, but you can pass the time by...**

- Type e-mails so you don't have to when I'm home
- Buy me a new outfit or new shoes
- Make me a snack for when I get home
- Go to lunch with your friends at Panera
- Go shopping and buy yourself something
- Take the garbage to the dump

# Jennings Elementary School

## Kindergarten Timeline 2017 - 2018

Registration is ongoing and at Central Office

April 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>

Orientation

April 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>

Visitation

**2:00-3:00**

August

Class Assignment

August 30<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten Kickoff

August 31<sup>st</sup>

First Day of School

September 12<sup>th</sup>

Back to School Night

# FULL DAY

## 5 Full-days

- First Day of School, Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Full Day 8:50-3:30





# FULL DAY INCLUDES

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health and Safety
- Music
- Art
- Physical Education
- Library/Media/Tech
- Lunch, recess, and social interaction



# KINDERGARTEN STAFF

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- Each Class...
- One full-time kindergarten teacher
- Part-time paraprofessional support
- **Two** (40-minute) periods of Music and Physical Ed, and **one** (40-minute) period of Art and **one** (40 Minute) period of LLC

# TRANSPORTATION



- Bus Transportation is provided for Kindergarten students living in excess of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from school
  - Early Dismissal Time (i.e., Conferences/Teacher Professional Development/Inclement Weather) is 1:40PM
  - Delayed Openings (i.e., due to bad weather or other emergencies) is 2 hours and school will begin at 10:50AM
- Carloop
- Parent Pick-up
- No Switching Buses
- Parents need to be at pick-up or children return to school

# Infinite Campus



- Main source of Information
- Email and text messages
- Assessment information
- Digital Record
- UPDATE OFTEN



# ARRIVAL





# A TYPICAL DAY



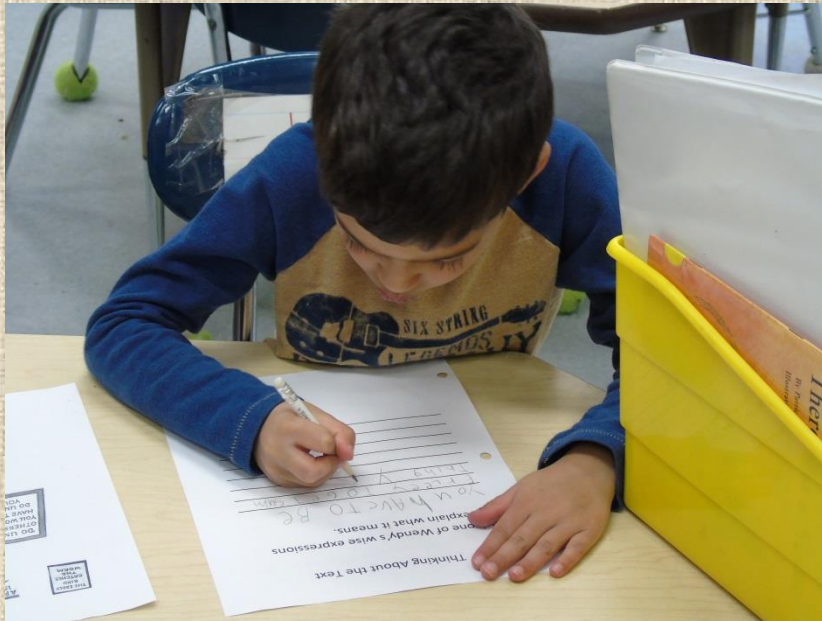


# Morning Meeting





# READER'S WORKSHOP





# WRITER'S WORKSHOP



# MATH WORKSHOP





# Kindergarten Math

Students will:

develop an understanding of **counting**:

- one to one matching, the last number spoken tells the quantity, sequence and pattern to the underlying structure of our number system.

describe their physical world using **geometric ideas**

- name and describe 2D and 3D shapes, and explore and compare the attributes of the shapes through hands-on activities

develop an understanding of **early number & place value**

- understand the meaning of whole numbers, recognize and write numbers, compare sets of objects, combine and take numbers apart and think of numbers as being part of other numbers, build an understanding of addition and subtraction, and write simple number sentences to match situations

# What Can You Do with Your Children to Encourage Math Thinking???

- Count objects and items

- Have your child help you do tasks to practice counting

- Make graphs together

- Sort a collection of objects

- Read counting books

- Play games, board games or invented games that involve counting

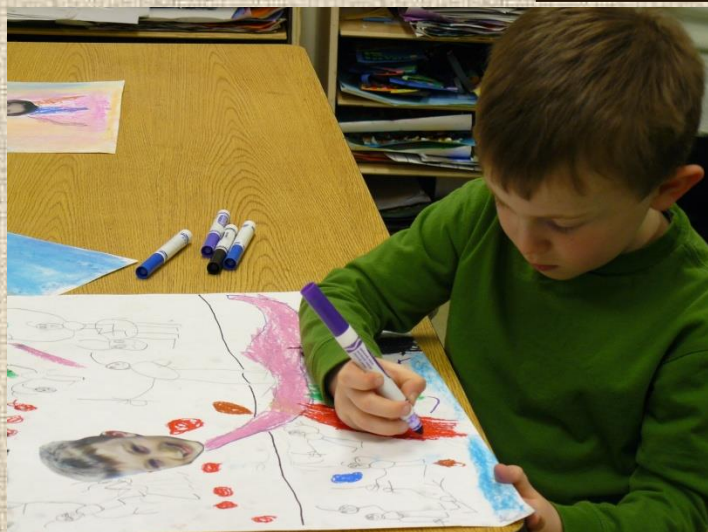


# CENTERS





# SPECIALS



Art



Music



P.E.



Tech



# TECHNOLOGY



Classroom/LLC  
Technology



Library Learning  
Commons

# LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS





# RECESS





# LUNCH





# DISMISSAL



# What can you do now?

Read to your child

Develop a love of books and numbers

Establish a routine and independence

Expose them to clay and cutting

Limit amount of television/video games

Use both tablet and desktop technology

Self-dressing skills

Help them to be good listeners

Provide opportunities for play with peers



# For more information

- Our School/PTA Websites are a wonderful way to get to know us prior to officially arriving. Please visit them when you can.
- School <http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/>
- District <http://fairfieldschools.org>
- PTA <http://jenningschoolpta.org/>

# Welcome to the Jennings Community

