

# AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We continue our commitment to keep our students engaged in reading for pleasure as Pine Grove joins "Geno's Reading Team" this winter. Last year, we gave each child the chance to enter a raffle as they brought in their reading logs to their classroom teacher. Then, each class (Grades One thru Four) picked a name out of the class collection to attend a state reading rally at Gampel Pavilion. The classroom representatives, one child per class, then went to UCONN with volunteer staff members and their parent's permission.

The Connecticut Association of Schools Elementary Division, of which Pine Grove School is a member, is pleased to partner with UCONN Coach Geno Auricemma and the Huskies to sponsor "Geno's Reading Team", an incentive program designed to enhance this important skill. Elementary school students will join the UCONN Huskies in daily reading for enjoyment by logging their reading. In addition, the CAS Elementary School Board has a series of videos where the players actually read and talk about their favorite books. Periodically, Pine Grove will be able to log in and view videos made by the UCONN Huskies as they describe their reviews and responses to the reading list from the players.

At the end of the program, sometime in February (to be announced), the students who win the class lottery will be invited to attend a reading rally at Gampel Pavilion to represent their school in a statewide reading rally. All types of readers can be selected to represent their school with the UCONN Huskies as the lottery is based on the chances they earn as they return their log.

Nightly reading is part of the Avon Board of Educations' homework policy and the UCONN reading program should be an exciting way to energize these efforts. This program is additional incentive to keep reading. Any log your child's teacher has in place will be honored in this process. Reading is important to all the subjects you study. Improvement in reading will open the door to all other forms of learning.

Join us as we rally for reading in 2011! Go UCONN!

Sincerely,

  
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