## **Geno's Reading Team**

## **Our Pre-Game Message To Parents And Students**

The Connecticut Association of Schools Elementary Division is pleased to partner with UCONN Coach Geno Auriemma and the UCONN Huskies to sponsor "Geno's Reading Team", an incentive program designed to improve one of the most important skills there is. Once your school registers for the program, students will join the 2012-2013 UCONN Huskies in twenty minutes (or more) of daily reading for enjoyment! The CAS Elementary School Board has a suggested list of books designed to parallel the same themes that have made the UCONN players world class athletes! A reading journal will be posted online for students to go to as they log in their minutes and thoughts while participating in the program. Periodically, you will be able to log in and view videos made by the UCONN Huskies as they read and describe their all-time favorite books! At the end of the program we will prepare a certificate of achievement for each participant!

## Our Starting Five <Skills To Improve>

**Reading Is Active and Disciplined.** Our book list gives you a chance to choose what you'd like to read, when you'd like to read, and provides you with the **discipline** necessary to become a better reader...just like the UCONN Huskies!

**Reading Builds Language Proficiency.** Through daily reading you can practice and improve your vocabulary and ability to **express yourself** clearly and creatively...just like the UCONN Huskies!

**Reading Builds Thinking Skills.** Daily reading expands your ability to improve meaning, **concentrate** and think creatively...just like the UCONN Huskies!

**Reading Helps You Process Information.** Daily reading will improve your capacity to not only **process** lots of information, but compare its significance to what you already know...just like the UCONN Huskies!

**Reading Is A Necessary Skill.** Reading is important to all the subjects you study. Your improvement in reading will open the door to all other forms of learning. Daily *practice* in reading is crucial to becoming a better student...just like the UCONN Huskies!

Geno's Reading Team tips-off in January and ends March 29, 2013!