

## One Great Teacher

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When I was chosen to do an essay on someone who inspires me, I chose Betsy Rhea Jennings. She is my fourth grade teacher.

Mrs. Jennings is very creative and does fun things with our classroom. Our room is covered with colors and inspirational quotes. She lets us grow all kinds of plants. We learned about the artist Michelangelo and got to do abstract art under our desks. We did this so we could see what it might have felt like painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

Mrs. Jennings makes me feel safe and makes me feel like I am in this nice wonderland. I feel great getting up in the morning knowing that I will see her every day.

My teacher makes school so much fun. One of the things she encourages us to do is read. So far this year our class has read two Harry Potter books and The BFG by Roald Dahl. It is so fun to listen to Mrs. Jennings read because she does all the different voices to make the stories more interesting. She inspires even the nonreaders to get involved.

Every Friday we do something called "Fun Food Friday". This is always a fun day because Mrs. Jennings brings in different types of food. Some of the foods can be very good or very gross. One of the things we tried was sardines. They might sound gross but they were actually really good. Another thing we had was "snozzcubmers" and "Frobscottle". These came from a book we were reading about giants.

We also have something in our room called "The Grammar Tree". We do this to encourage my classmates and I to use correct grammar. If one of us uses incorrect grammar, our apple falls off the tree. If we happen to stay on all week, we get apple charms for our charm necklaces. I know what you are thinking, but this is not real. It is just a tree painted on our classroom wall. Our apples are stickers that Mrs. Jennings puts on and takes off the tree.

There are over twenty students in our classroom. Mrs. Jennings makes each one of us feel like we are her own children. She takes time to explain, time to listen, and time to care about all of our problems.



Betsy Rhea Jennings, Tori Simmons and Dr. Dan Tollett, Utrust Administrator who presented the check to Tori.

Another fun thing we do every day is “Brainteasers”. These are factual questions that Mrs. Jennings puts on the board every morning. We have until the end of the day to answer the question. This is another example of some of the helpful things Mrs. Jennings does for us. These things help us to learn in a fun way.

These are some facts about Mrs. Jennings. As you can see, Mrs. Jennings is a wonderful teacher. She makes my classroom the best classroom in the fourth grade. I hope everyone realizes she is a great teacher and makes learning fun. I hope everyone can have someone to inspire them as much as Mrs. Jennings has inspired me.