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Community Read **Jennifer O'Connell Visits FBCC CDC**

Clarendon, VA (January 23, 2017): We are very excited to share the announcement of our very first author visit and community read here at The CDC! This will be an exciting opportunity for the children, along with their class and families to meet an author in person, explore the process of how a book is made, and take an in depth study of a wonderful children's book.

We will be hosting Jennifer O'Connell, author and illustrator of, *The Eye Of The Whale*. This book follows the true story of a group of fisherman who set out to rescue a trapped humpback whale.

The children will be doing several activities in their classrooms to prepare for Jennifer's arrival, and we are encouraging all of you to participate by purchasing her book to read with your children at home. We would then invite you to join us for a fun evening on February 22 to hear Jennifer's story of how her idea became a book.

Through this community read we aim to strengthen the wonderful community we have here at CDC, building more bridges between your child's life at home and at school. We hope to spark new and interesting conversations between parents, children, and teachers about the book, and to explore the interests of the children in each age group.

Keep your eyes peeled for a showing of the book trailer, which will be playing in the lobby. We will have a station set up for families to place their book orders there.

We hope you will all participate in our community read, and to see all of on the 22nd!

- Ms. Amanda & Ms. Gwen