



READ ACROSS AMERICA

March 3 – 7, 2008



Ten years ago, NEA (National Education Association) and its members started a reading revolution. It began with a one-day celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, and has now become a year-round literacy campaign reaching nearly every home, school and community.

Mt. Bethel Elementary PTA is joining with our teachers and the nation to celebrate the observance of NEA's Read Across America (www.nea.org/readacross) by providing a commemorative bookmark to each student and challenging each grade level to reach a reading goal during the week. The reading goals will be measured in miles as we try to travel across America through reading. Come see the map of America in the front hall!

The number of minutes each student should read is:

K - 100 minutes	1 st - 100 minutes	2 nd - 140 minutes
3 rd - 140 minutes	4 th - 180 minutes	5 th - 180 minutes

BOOK TRIVIA: Think hard and you can win prizes for answering questions that will be asked during the announcements. One question will be asked for each grade K-5 each morning Monday – Thursday. Put your answer in the box marked for your grade located across from the Media Center. A drawing will be held from the entries with the correct answer after school each day. The winners will be announced the next morning.

MONDAY – CELEBRATE READING DAY

- At school, students will be asked to bring in their favorite book and fill out a strip with your favorite book title and author. The book strips will be displayed in the front hall. Come see!
- At home, read an excerpt from every family member's favorite book.

TUESDAY – PROUD TO BE A READER

- At school, students will be asked to read a book about America.
- At home, identify books and characters, real and fictional, which evoke feelings of pride in America and choose one to read with your student.

WEDNESDAY – I PLEDGE TO BE A READER

- At school, students will be asked to sign a Reading Pledge form. They will feed their brain by reading a nonfiction book or any kind of informational text – News for Kids, Encyclopedia article, etc.
- At home, read any book and find a math connection.

THURSDAY - READ TO ME

- At school, teachers may invite a guest reader in to read to their class, be a guest reader in someone else's class, swap classes for 15-20 minutes to read a favorite book or have book buddies read together.
- At home, read a Newbery Medal or Honor book with your student from the American Library Association list.

(www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal.htm)

FRIDAY - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CAT!

- At school, students should wear their favorite striped clothing in honor of *The Cat in the Hat's* fifty-first birthday!
- At home, read your favorite Dr. Seuss book with your student and talk about the use of humor, rhythm and rhyme.

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