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Make A
Difference!



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A note from:

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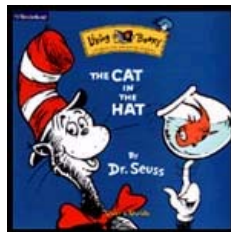
At Alexander Elementary we are in the middle of a celebration! This week we are honoring the birthday of Dr. Seuss through "Read Across America Week."

I want to thank Mr. Brough and the rest of our Reading Committee for putting together a great week of activities that encourage our students to read.

Dr. Seuss is the most beloved children's book author of all time. His use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful and develop a life-long love of reading. Celebrating Dr. Seuss and reading sends a clear message to our children that reading is both fun and important.

What better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday than reading to child. On the evening of March 2nd (Dr. Seuss's birthday) parents around the country are urged to participate in the Read Across America and read to a child campaign.

***"You're never too old, too wacky,
too wild, to pick up a book and read
to child."***



What's Up!

Dr. Seuss Read Across
America Celebration Week-
February 27 – March 3.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday- Thursday, March 2.

Special Assembly- Thursday, March 2

Tangles the Clown

PreK—2nd 9:30 AM

3rd – 5th 11:00 AM

Students will also be served Birthday Cake for lunch.

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) & Crazy Hat Day- Friday, March 3

End of Third Quarter- Friday, March 3

Parent-Faculty Club Meeting- Tuesday, March 7.

Grade Cards Go Out- Thursday, March 9.

Helmet Safety Program- Thursday, March 9

1st & 2nd Grades- 9:00 AM

Kindergarten- 10:00 AM

No School Friday, March 10-

Professional Day for Staff

Spring Break- March 13-17.

St. Patrick's Day- March 17

Spring Carnival- Saturday, April 1

Red Wheel Sale Begins- Monday, March 27

Ends- Tuesday, April 11

State Testing Begins (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades) -

Monday, April 10

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

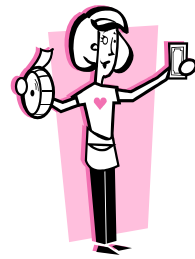
Teach Respect by Example

Respect is a valuable character trait. To help bring the message of respect into your home, act with respect toward your child and everyone else with whom you interact. Expand your child's horizons by teaching him or her about other cultures whenever possible. Also, remind your child always to look beyond the surface to recognize what people are really like within.

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Activities to Do As a Family

1. Read aloud
2. Take a walk
3. Play board games
4. Go for a hike
5. Go bike riding
6. Visit a museum
7. Got to the library
8. Visit the zoo
9. Build a model
10. Volunteer to help the needy
11. Make gifts
12. Watch the clouds go by
13. Attend school events
14. Blow bubbles
15. Play basketball
16. Plant a garden
17. Make a meal
18. Go bowling
19. Learn new songs
20. Create holiday cards
21. Write stories
22. Share family memories
23. Take photographs
24. Go bird-watching
25. Learn something new
26. Tell each other jokes
27. Throw a Frisbee
28. Watch a quality video
29. Solve riddles
30. Do crossword puzzles
31. Go camping
32. Do good deeds
33. Train & play with pets
34. Visit friends, relatives, and neighbors
35. Make cleaning fun!
36. Make jewelry
37. Do crafts
38. Build blocks
39. Listen to music
40. Play instruments
41. Do a jigsaw puzzle
42. build a sand castle
43. Redecorate a room
44. Pick wildflowers
45. Learn a new language
46. Write a family letter
47. Make posters
48. Play racquet ball
49. Go to the park
50. Take a drive



Ways Parents Can Help at School

If you are a parent who would like to participate in the activities at your child's school, there may be some things that you may be able to do in spite of your busy schedule and time restraints.

Here are a few things that you may consider:

Come To School To...

- Share information with a student or class about a hobby
- Share information with a student or class about your career
- Share information about a country you visited or lived in
- Tutor individuals or small groups of students in reading, math or other subjects
- Help coach a team
- Help produce the school or classroom newsletter
- Help sew or paint a display
- Help build something needed by the school or a class
- Volunteer to help answer the office telephone
- Help produce or work on a school production
- Help with an outside project to beautify the school grounds

**A person's
a person,
no matter
how small.**

--Dr. Seuss

