



READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

The more that you read, the more things you will know.

The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

-Dr. Seuss

On Monday, March 3, Conant again will participate in the "Read Across America Day" celebration. The year 2008 marks the eleventh year of this National Education Association sponsored celebration of reading. With each year the nationwide celebration grows. This year more than 45 million Americans, including rock stars, film and television stars, sports figures, military personnel, parents, children, teachers, and librarians will take part in this celebration of the joy and importance of reading. The focus is on the books and characters of author Dr. Seuss, with his "Cat in the Hat" the main character.

Here at Conant, we have planned many enjoyable activities. During the morning announcements, sixth grade students will introduce the day and read a poem expressing the feelings that many people have about Dr. Seuss. Then everyone will begin the day by singing *Dr. Seuss We Love You* led by some of the second graders over the intercom. First graders will feast on green eggs and ham while listening to the book *Green Eggs and Ham*, some classes will have a guest reader, and each grade level will have DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time at some point during the day. If Theodore Geisel (better known as Dr. Seuss) were still alive he would celebrate his 104th birthday this year and classes will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss by eating red, black, and white cupcakes. Luther Bear and friends will don their "Cat in the Hat" hats, and all of the children will receive special bookmarks created by our reading specialist Judy Hause commemorating the day. In preparation for the day, students have been listening to the books of Dr. Seuss and learning about his life during their library time, singing *Dr. Seuss We Love You* in music class, and creating art projects related to his work in art class.

We ask everyone to come to school on March 3 wearing the "Cat in the Hat" colors of red, white, and black, "Cat in the Hat" hats, or t-shirts representing Dr. Seuss books. **Please encourage your child to participate in this part of the celebration. We would love to see everyone in the school dressed in red, white, and black like the famous cat!**

If you come to Conant on March 3 remember to dress in black, white, and red yourself. Thank you to those of you who are helping us by baking cupcakes, and . . . **"Remember to join in the celebration by reading at home!"**

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