



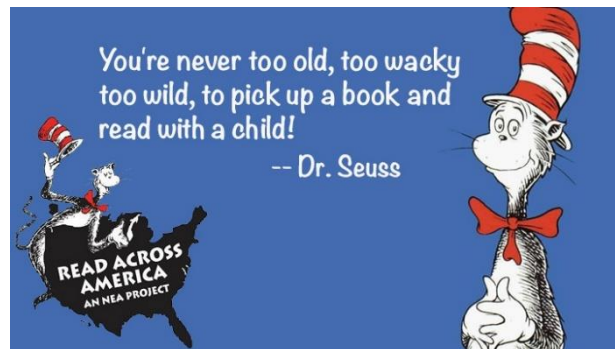
Read Across America



Dear Parents,

March is National *Read Across America Month* and we are going to join the celebration! Each week during March our class will read for at least 60 minutes aloud together at school

You can celebrate with us by doing some fun reading activities with your child at home. Each week I will send home a mini check chart with fun reading activities for the whole family to enjoy. When your family has completed an activity simply have your child color the corresponding square. Send the finished check chart back to school each Monday and I will send a new activity chart home. At the end of March each participating child will receive special prizes based on their amount of completed activities.



Research has proven that reading aloud to a child is the single most important factor in raising a reader. By working together, we can prepare children to be successful at reading and enjoying it for a lifetime.

Tips for Reading to Your Child

Before

- Introduce the title, author, and illustrator.
- Tell briefly what the story is about

During

- Hold the book so your child can see the words and illustrations.
- Vary your tone, volume, and pitch as you read.
- Pause occasionally to explain, comment, or look at the illustrations.

After

- Discuss the characters and what happened in the story.
- Ask questions that provoke thought.
- Help your child relate the story to something personal or to another similar story.

