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### READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK MARCH 3-7<sup>TH</sup>

Williamsburg County Schools are joining the celebration of “Read Across America” March 3-7, 2025. Read Across America is a nationwide reading celebration that occurs during the week of Dr. Seuss’s birthday every year. Around the US, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing children and books together through different activities.

This celebration began in 1998 when a small reading task force at the National Education Association (NEA) came up with the idea to celebrate reading. Research has shown that children who are motivated to read and spend more time with books generally do better in school. Reading is an important part of student achievement and the NEA values creating lifelong successful readers. They figured that since schools hold pep rallies to get kids excited about sports, they could do something to get kids excited about reading, too! Since then, NEA’s Read Across America has become the largest celebration of reading this country has ever seen.

Although the schools are participating in a variety of reading-related activities for the week, celebrating Dr. Seuss’ contribution to children’s literacy is important to schools. Staff and students were encouraged to dress up according to the different storylines.

Many teachers planned fun activities specifically for their classrooms as well. Schools around the country are organizing activities of this type to celebrate Read Across America Week in a nationwide effort to promote literacy. The COMPASS School has been and continues to be invested in this initiative, and it is thanks to the teachers that the celebration has been such a huge success. Contact Williamsburg County School District’s schools to learn about what they are doing for Read Across America.