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Everyone's Joining in to Read Across Jeffco

It's that time of the year to make it clear; picking up a book is cool, especially in school. As Dr. Seuss celebrates his birthday, students and parents alike, will celebrate too, not by picking up a book, but picking up one or maybe even two.

The month of March is a celebration of *Read Across America*, the National Education Association's annual reading event that calls children, both young and old, to reward their learning by celebrating the joys of reading.

Readers in many Jeffco Schools will celebrate on Monday, March 2, and others will host reading events to celebrate through the entire month.

Below is a list of a few Jeffco reading events:

Friday, Feb. 27 -- Russell Elementary School, 5150 Allison St., Arvada, 80003 – The school will host guest readers, including a guest author, who are all former Jeffco employees from **8 a.m. – 11 a.m.** Students will hold a pajama day read-a-thon. The Cat in the Hat will pay students a visit courtesy of the Jeffco Retired Teacher group at **12:30 p.m.** Contact: Elizabeth Arnold, teacher/librarian, 303-982-2145

Friday, Feb. 27 -- Kendrick Lakes Elementary School, 1350 Hoyt St., Lakewood, 80232 -- Nearly 50 grandparents, parents and guardians have signed up to visit the school. They will enjoy some coffee and donuts before school and will then read Dr. Seuss books in classrooms from **8:45 - 9:45 a.m.** where their children and grandchildren are students.

Friday, Feb. 27 -- **Warder Elementary School**, 7840 Carr Dr., Arvada 80005 -- The school will host firemen, policemen, the Arvada Chief of Police and an Arvada City Council Member at **9 a.m.** to read to and discuss with students how important reading is in their jobs. The Cat in the Hat will also visit classrooms. Students have decorated their doors with their favorite books too. Contact: Tammy Langeberg, teacher-librarian.

Monday, March 2 -- Lumberg Elementary School, 6705 W. 22nd. Ave, Edgewater, 80214 – Nearly 30 Edgewater community members and parents will visit the school to read to the kindergarten through sixth-grade classrooms from **8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Contact: Deena Wathen, 303-982-6182