



Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance

Children in West Hartford Participate in “Read Across America Day”

Children at several area early learning programs had special guests read to them on March 2 – on what would have been Theodor Geisel’s 106th birthday. Who is Theodor Geisel? He is none other than one of America’s most beloved children’s authors, Dr. Seuss.

YWCA Elmwood Early Learning Center, Children’s Museum Nursery School, First Church Nursery School, West Hartford Methodist Nursery School and the Family Resource Center at Charter Oak Academy welcomed legislators and local leaders into their facilities as part of “Read Across America Day,” a literacy campaign organized by the National Education Association, Dr. Seuss Enterprises, L.P.; and more than 50 national partner organizations, to motivate children to read, to enjoy reading, and to create lifelong, successful readers.

Senator Jonathan Harris, representing the 5th Senatorial District of West Hartford, Bloomfield, Burlington and Farmington, read at First Church Nursery School.

At YWCA Elmwood Early Learning Center, Rep. David McCluskey, representing West Hartford’s 20th Assembly District, read “Fox in Sox” by Dr. Seuss. The center commends Rep. McCluskey for his support of early childhood learning and development.

Rep. Beth Bye, representing the 19th District of West Hartford, Avon and Farmington, read to children at both the Children’s Museum Nursery School and the Family Resource Center at Charter Oak Academy. At the Children’s Museum Nursery School, Rep. Bye read “Cat in the Hat,” by Dr. Seuss.

Essie Labrot, West Hartford’s town clerk, read the book “Green Eggs and Ham” at West Hartford Methodist Nursery School. Following the reading, the children enjoyed a snack of what else, green eggs and ham.

The CT Early Childhood Alliance and the West Hartford Early Childhood Partnership collaborated to bring “Read Across America” to early childhood programs in West Hartford.

Early childhood programs, like those hosting readers on March 2, provide critical support for working families and form the foundation of a quality early education system that prepares young children for future success. Research has shown that quality early childhood education programs help children perform better in school, helps increase high school graduation rates and helps reduce juvenile crime.