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## Enfield Head Start Hosts Kissel, Jarmoc and Weseliza on “Read Across America Day”

On March 2, Enfield Head Start hosted three readers to celebrate “Read Across America Day.” The literacy event is celebrated on or around March 2, what would have been the 106<sup>th</sup> birthday of Theodor Geisel – aka, “Dr. Seuss.”

Enfield Head Start welcomed Sen. John Kissel, Rep. Karen Jarmoc and Karen Weseliza, Congressman Joseph Courtney’s staff assistant, to read to the children as part of the “Read Across America” 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.

Weseliza brought and read a book from Congressman Courtney (which included an inscription from him) called “All the World,” by Liz Garton Scanlon. Rep. Jarmoc read “One Foot, Two Foot” by Dr. Seuss and “If You Take a Mouse to School,” by Laura Joffe Numeroff. Sen. Kissel read “The Foot Book,” by Dr. Seuss.

Enfield Head Start opened in 1978 and now serves 104 3- and 4-year-old children in six classrooms year-round in both full-day and part-day programs. The children are intermingled in the classrooms – not separated by age – giving them a chance to learn from one another.

Early childhood programs, like Enfield Head Start, 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.