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SEUSS STILL HAS IT!

Kids love his stories at Slater Library

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Town officials, parents and others from the community came out to read to youngsters for "Read Across America Day" on March 2. The program, started by the NEA (National Education Association) is a national event, held annually in honor of Theodore Geisel's birthday. Geisel is the much-loved children's author known to children everywhere as Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss is famous for "Green Eggs and Ham," "Horton Hears a Who," and that ever famous, "The Cat In the Hat," among others. TVCCA (Thames Valley Council for Community Action) Little Learners Early Education program sponsored the Jewett City event.

This year would have marked the 106th birthday of Dr. Seuss. Along with state officials, parents, police and other guest readers will be coming in today and during the week to speak," Education Manager, Tina Hicks.

The delight was clearly visible on the young faces, as state Rep. Steve Mikutel read aloud. "I love to read, and want the kids to love to read. The more you read to them, the more they will want to read. It opens doors for people. It expands their minds and opens up the world to them," he said. "I love to read and I know what it did for me."

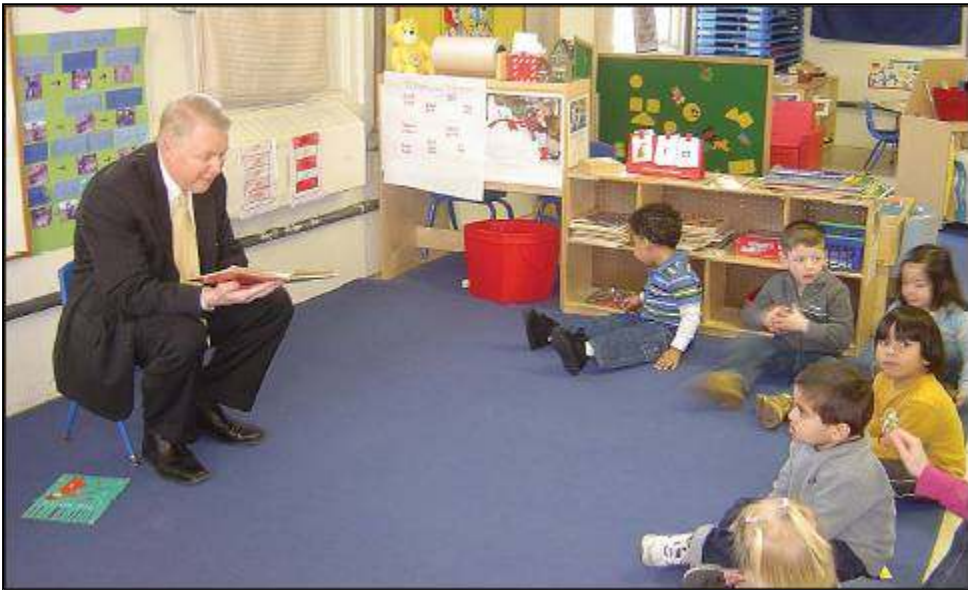
Preschoolers across the state had the opportunity to hear guest readers read to them for the week, and Jewett City was no exception.

As an early childhood program, they make available a support system for working families and help form the groundwork for a valuable early education experience. TVCCA Little Learners Early Education program is a quality education for full time day care for working parents. "You can see the improvement in the children as time goes on...They recognize their written name and their social skills improve. We also work on manners and respect," said Samantha Kenyon, who has worked with the children for over a year. For more information on TVCCA, go to their Web site at <http://www.tvcca.org/>.





Children listen, as guest reader state Rep. Steve Mikutel reads to them.



Steve Mikutel, (D) District 45 reads to preschoolers at TVCCA's celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Photo by Karen Butera.