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GOVERNOR ENCOURAGES STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO READ ACROSS NEW JERSEY

Gov. Christie Whitman today highlighted Dr. Seuss's message, "You can read it in your room, you can read it on a broom, you can read it in a chair, you can read it anywhere," when she visited students at Central School in Warren Township. The Governor has proclaimed March 2, the birthday of Theodore Seuss Geisel, to be "Read Across New Jersey Day."

"Reading is learning. Reading is one of the best ways to strengthen your mind and expand your knowledge," said the Governor. "Today we are urging parents to make reading a part of their daily routine - to read to their children and with their children."

The Governor read the Dr. Seuss classic Horton Hatches the Egg to first and second grade students and addressed the student body on the importance of reading.

Read Across America-New Jersey is part of a nationwide celebration of reading aimed at encouraging adults to read with children. Students throughout New Jersey and throughout the country are participating in similar reading activities to mark Read Across America day.

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