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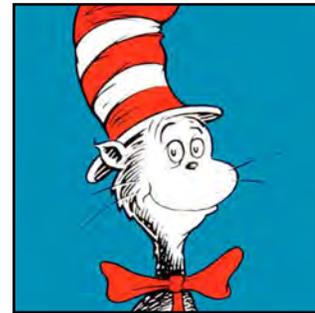
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Read Across America

Read Across America Week (2/25 – 3/1) is a week to celebrate Dr. Seuss and his wonderful books. Dr. Seuss was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts and died on September 24, 1991 in La Jolla.

The books he wrote and illustrated were *The Lorax*, *The Cat And The Hat*, *Green Eggs And Ham*, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*, *The Sneetches*, *Oh The Places You'll Go*, *Horton Hears A Who*, and many more.

Elementary Schools celebrated Read Across America in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Monday, they read *Green Eggs And Ham* over an intercom. On Tuesday, the kids ate green eggs and ham and wore their pajamas to school.



On Wednesday it was dress like your favorite character day and on Thursday it was crazy hair day. On Friday, the winners of the poster challenge were announced.

The poster challenge was where each student got to make a poster with a picture and a slogan, for example "Read With The Cat" and then a picture of the cat.

by Orion L.

The Life of Bob Marley

Bob Marley was a Jamaican singer, songwriter, and musician. He was born on February 6, 1945, in a small village called Nine Mile located in Saint Ann Parish.

His father, a marine named Norval Marley, died when Bob was only 10 years old. His mother's name was Cedella Marley-Booker. Although his father was an important person in Bob's life, he did not really see his father.



Bob participated in a couple bands, like "The Teenagers", and "The Wailers" where he was the lead singer. He married Rita Marley, who encouraged his works and career. He had thirteen children.

Bob Marley died on may 11, 1981 because he had a disease in his brain and lungs. His legacy still lives on in many songs.

by Alessandro M.

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The Sinkhole

On February 28, 2013 a man from Florida died in a sinkhole accident. A sinkhole is a big hole in the ground that is about 15 or more feet deep.

His brother heard him scream and ran to his bedroom and tried to save him, but it was not successful. Florida is a state known for its sinkholes. The people of Florida are now afraid of sinkholes because of this incident.

People are afraid of losing their houses and their lives. Many people are in danger because they may have sinkholes under their house and not know it like Jeff Bush. It is important that people get their houses checked for sinkholes underneath.

This way people will know if their houses are safe. If you live in Florida or anywhere else where there are sink

holes make sure to get your house checked. In Florida there are even sinkholes in the lakes that you can fall in.

You want to be careful what lakes you swim in. They can also damage your pipes so you won't have good water in your house. Sinkholes are very dangerous.

by Iajanna M.



Lego Ninjago and the Bad Armies

Ninjago is a Lego figure. Armies try to take over Ninjago all the time. The five ninjas use special powers to survive. The ninjas names are Kai, Jay, Cole, Zane, and Lloyd. The three armies include skeletons, snakes, and stone warriors.

When the bad armies and ninjas fight each

other, the ninjas always win. The ninjas have four golden weapons that are very rare and the bad armies cannot defeat.

The bad guy, Lord Garmadon, tries to steal the golden weapons. He has four arms to hold a gold weapon in each arm. When he captured the four weapons, he

made a new weapon called the mega weapon.

It granted him wishes and allowed him to send people back in to the past. He used this weapon to fight. The people who would enjoy these legos are second and third grade boys.

by Brandon A.



Iron Man 3

Iron Man 3 recently came out in theaters. *Iron Man 3* is an awesome movie and everyone should see it! The characters are Tony (Iron Man) and Pepper.

A good part of the movie is when helicopters shoot at Tony's house. Tony tries to get

his suit, but Pepper has it already. When Tony finally gets the suit he shoots at two helicopters, but there was one that continued to shoot. The last helicopter shot Tony's house and it fell on Tony. Although his house fell on him, Tony survived!

The ending of the movie was disappointing. Tony blew up all his suits at the end and this means that he lost all of his powers. The ending was not very good, but the movie was great! You should go see it!

by Jaziel R.



Mac Miller



Mac Miller was born on January 19th, 1992. He released many albums including “Best Day Ever” and “Blue Slide Park.” He started to sing

and rap when he was in the fifth grade. He spent every recess with his friend practicing how to sing. Now he is 20 years old and is still improving

his rapping skills. Mac Miller has good songs and everyone should listen to them!

by Anthony B.

Los Angeles Dodgers



The one and only Dodgers baseball team is the best team ever! The Dodgers were established in 1883. The Dodgers used to be the Brooklyn Dodgers, but in 1958 they became the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Dodgers uniforms have not changed for over 70

years. In 1958, when the Dodgers became the L.A. Dodgers, they changed the logo from a B to the L.A. sign.

The L.A. sign is better than the B sign for Brooklyn because it looks better and because people like L.A. better than Brooklyn. The Dodgers have many

great players, but people say Andre Ethier is the best player ever.

His number is 16 and he plays right field. Ethier has one of the best batting averages on the team. That is all about the Dodgers. You should go see a game!

by Favian G.

iPads



iPads are very useful because they have a lot of purposes. It is possible to search things on the Internet if you do not have a computer. Also you can use it for navigation systems.

You can also buy a keyboard for your Ipad. They have many apps, including iBooks,

educational things, and games.

Everything on the iPad can be private because there is a security lock to block nosy people. You can buy a case that could protect your Ipad.

That is very important because if you break your Ipad it is very

expensive to repair. The worst part is that if your mom or dad sees the Ipad broken they're probably going to say that you're going to have to pay for it. That's why it's important to have a case.

by Lizette S.

Castle Crashers



The way to play Castle Crashers is first you pick an avatar. Then the other person you are playing with picks their avatar.

After that you fight bad guys with your

sword and a shield. You fight by pressing x to hit the bad guys with your sword. When you hit one of them you get money.

The people in the game are blue, red,

green, and orange. The Xbox 360 game Castle Crashers is a game that anybody can play except for babies. You should try playing it sometime!

by Jaziel R.

Shrek

Last year *Shrek* played in the movie theaters. It was rated PG. In the movie, Shrek, a lonely ogre, meets an annoying donkey named Donkey.

The two of them go on an adventure to save the princess Fiona from the evil dragon. While Shrek saves the princess, the dragon

falls in love with Donkey. When they escape from the castle Fiona finds out that Shrek was an ogre.

She is disappointed because she was expecting him to be a brave knight. As they walk in the woods some people try to save Fiona from Shrek because they think he is

evil, but she beats all of them up.

Soon Donkey finds out that Fiona is keeping a secret from Shrek. Shrek finds out Fiona's secret. You should watch the movie to see what her secret is! Everyone will enjoy this movie!

by Ivan L.



Knott's Berry Farm

The best rides at Knott's Berry Farm are the Xcelerator and Montezuma's Revenge. Both of these rides are good because they go very fast.

Although the Xcelerator goes faster, Montezuma has loops, both forwards and backwards. Montezuma feels very fast while you

go forwards but feels slow while you go backwards.

The loops make your stomach feel up side down. When you go backwards, your stomach also feels weird.

The Xcelerator goes 80 mph. Since it goes so fast it doesn't last very long. It makes

one very big loop at the beginning of the ride. The loop is very high up in the air.

Make sure that you don't eat any thing before going on the ride or you might feel sick. If you are scared of really fast rides, I recommend not going on this ride.

by Melissa C.



Mario Kart 7

Mario Kart 7 is a cool game! First, you pick a track and then you begin your race at the start line. You go three times around the track when you race. Along the track, there are question blocks. You pick these up to get items to attack other racers and to get

coins. Try not to get attacked by blue shells!

Collect coins so that you can get new characters and vehicle parts. The best tracks are the Mansion and Dino Dino Jungle. The best items are the blue shell, bullet bill, lightning, and the red shell.

When you attack other people with these you get to keep going and they get held back. Bowser is the best character to be because he is very fast. Mario Kart 7 is a fun game. You should play it!

by Brandon A.



From Evil to Good

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi has many good scenes. Most people enjoy the scene when Darth Vader saves his son.

The audience has a feeling that Luke is going to die because Darth Sidious (the Emperor) is using his strong powers on Luke. It was amazing when



the son and father fight each other.

When Darth Vader's arm gets chopped off the audience gets a very bad feeling. The best part is at the end when Darth Vader risks his life to save his son. It was just an amazing and inspirational scene.

When he saved his son's life, Darth Vader

proved that he still had some good left in him. It was amazing that Luke knew that his dad could still be on the good side even after all of his years on the bad side.

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi is a great movie especially in the scene when Luke's faith in his father comes true.

by Andrea G.

Luke Skywalker

Mark Hamill does a great job playing Luke Skywalker. He was born in California, but raised in Virginia. He grew up in a family of seven children. Hamill grew up acting and was always interested in theater.

He is most known for his role as Luke



Skywalker in the *Star Wars* movies. Luke has a green light saber. The green light saber has the strongest powers!

Luke has a father named Darth Vader who turned to the dark side. Darth Vader tried to kill Luke, but had a little bit of good left in him and saved Luke.

Luke Skywalker was the audience's favorite character in the movie. If you were to rate this movie on a scale of 0 to 10, it would be a 9. *Star Wars Return of the Jedi* is a great movie, but not good enough to be a 10.

by Favian G.

Darth Vader Saves His Son

Darth Vader is a very mean character in *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*. Darth Vader wears all black and always carries his red light saber with him. At the end of the movie, when Luke takes off his father's mask, Darth

Vader's face is so swollen.

Darth Vader and his son fight and Luke Skywalker chops off his father's arm. Instead of veins, Darth Vader has wires. This is because he is half robot and half human.

After he cuts off his father's arm, Luke still has faith that Darth Vader is a good man. At the end, Darth Vader turns good because he saves his son.

by Ivan L.



The Most Important Part

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi is a great movie. There are so many good parts, but one of the most important parts is when Darth Vader helps to save his son, Luke Skywalker.

When the Ewoks come in it is so cute because they look like teddy bears. Another part is when Jabba licks Princess Leia. This part

is not very cute. The most important part is when Darth Vader saves Luke.

A lot of people think that Darth Vader is a bad guy, but he proves them wrong when he helps Luke. It surprises everyone when he rescues his son!

This is a shocker. To many people he is still a bad guy, but to others

he is loyal and turns back to the better side.

If you ever get the chance to meet Darth Vader be kind to him because he is a nice man. Now Darth Vader is a good father and that proves that good can always overcome evil in the end!

by Iajanna M.



Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker

The most exciting part in *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* is when Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader start fighting. Darth Vader's light saber color is red and Luke Skywalker has a green light saber.

It is cool when Luke

jumps onto the different platforms during the fight. Darth Vader used to be a good guy, but Darth Sidious (the Emperor) turns him into a dark person.

After he saves his son, Luke Skywalker, it proves that Darth

Vader is still a good person. In the end, Darth Vader turns out to be a very loyal person to Luke Skywalker.

The movie is a really good movie to see and very exciting!

by Melissa C.



A Galaxy Far, Far Away

Star Wars is a place in a galaxy far, far away where there are Jedis and Siths. Darth Sidious tries to repopulate and destroy the Jedis. Darth Vader is the apprentice of Darth Sidious.

Luke Skywalker is Darth Vader's son. Also, Princess Leia is Darth Vader's daughter. Star Wars is not really about a star and a war

like the title says it is. Its about Siths versus Jedis.

Join the adventure of Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Chewbacca, Han Solo, R2D2, C3PO, Darth Vader, and Darth Sidious! Did you know that they made episode 4, 5, and 6 before they made episode 1, 2, and 3? Episodes 4, 5, and 6 are called the trilogy

saga and episodes 1, 2, and 3 are called the empire saga. Episode 3 is called "Return of the Sith." Episode 4 is called "New Hope" and episode 5 is called "Empire Strikes Back." Finally, the best of all the episodes is "Return of the Jedi!"

by Orion L.



Star Wars

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi teaches a good lesson about family. Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia find out that they are brother and sister. This was shocking to them because they had no idea for so long. They were separated from their parents at a young age and their father turned evil.

Luke Skywalker attempted to defeat Darth Vader and bring him back to the good side. When Luke went to defeat Darth Vader, Princess Leia was worried because their father had turned to the dark side. She

thought her brother was going to be killed.

Princess Leia stayed outside when Luke went in to talk to Darth Vader. Leia tried to fight off the robots and fell off her scooter, but an Ewok found her. When all of this was happening, Luke was inside fighting Darth Vader. When the fight between Darth Vader and Luke was finally over, Luke saved Chewie and Leia. Darth Vader had turned to the dark



side, but by not killing Luke in the fight, he showed us that he cared about his son.

Luke and Leia did not know they were brother and sister, but when they found out, they treated each other so well and wanted to help each other. Their family had some evil secrets, but in the end all wanted to help each other.

People should come to the movies to *Return of the Jedi*. *Star Wars* is still very popular today!
by Lizette S.

Words From the Program Director

I'm appreciative that the students of my Broadcast Club were granted the opportunity to work with PressFriends. They were very excited about interacting with the mentors from PressFriends and also the new strategies that they learned. Each week my students asked about the

workshop and they were eager to complete their stories for the newsletter.

The mentors from PressFriends did an amazing job and made my students feel proud of their work by lending a helping hand each step of the way.

Sincerely,
Miss Ashley



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