

## Rothman Hosts "Read Across America" Event at Washington Elementary in Lodi

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Pictured:  
Flanked by the famous Dr. Seuss characters Thing 1, the Cat in the Hat, and  
Thing 2, Congressman Rothman speaks to the fourth grade classes of Ms. Maria Benanti  
and Ms. Jennifer Sciameca at Washington Elementary School.

(Lodi,  
NJ)- On Friday, February 29, 2008, Congressman Steve Rothman (NJ-9) put  
on a red-and-white-striped Dr. Seuss hat and read the author's timeless book,  
The Lorax, to a group of about fifty fourth-grade students at Washington Elementary  
School in Lodi. Rothman  
visited the school as part of the National Education Association's (NEA) annual  
"Read Across America" program, coordinated locally by the New Jersey  
Education Association and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

"It  
is always a pleasure to spend time reading to students at Washington Elementary  
School and other schools throughout my Congressional District," said Rothman. "We  
all know that if our children enjoy reading, they will inevitably succeed in school.  
It is our collective responsibility as parents, teachers, neighbors and elected  
representatives to ensure that our children thrive in our public schools, and  
the Read Across America program is an excellent resource to help us reach that  
goal."

The  
11th annual "Read Across America" campaign kicked-off nationally on  
March 3rd, celebrating what would have been Dr. Seuss's 104th birthday. More than

45 million children and adults are expected to take part in this year's reading motivation and awareness program nationwide.

Additional information is available at: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/index.html>