



Read Across America Event
Moanalua Elementary School 2006

The sun did not shine
It was too wet to play
So we sat in the library
On that cold, wet, wet, day.

We were worried and wondered
If our readers would come
Would they brave the bad weather
Would the day turn out glum

Then slowly and surely,
The readers they came
They drove through the traffic
They drove through the rain

They thought of our children
And wanted to share
Their love of good reading
And show that they care.

They read to our children
And they all agreed
This day was special
Very special indeed

The readers were happy
And exclaimed with glee
"The children were great
And it was fun for me!"

"I read to the children
We had a nice chat
I even took pictures with
The Cat in the Hat"

Let's do this again next year
Went the cry
So give it some thought,
Come and give it a try!

By Lynette Kam



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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March 9, 2006

Dear Senator Norman Sakamoto:

"Read Across America" at Moanalua Elementary School was celebrated on March 2, the birthday of Theodor Geisel, the delightful children's book author and illustrator also known as Dr. Seuss. Our pre-school through grade six children were enchanted by parents & grandparents as well as education leaders, lawmakers, policemen, firemen, pastors, athletes and other community supporters who brought the joy of reading a favorite book and sharing why reading is important.

As a guest reader, you modeled the importance of reading in academic achievement and your personal success. You brought excitement to reading with the book(s) that you shared. You helped us motivate our children to pick up a book and spend more time reading.

Our hats off to you! We thank you not only for giving of your time but also for being a part of helping our children on their journey to be responsible and productive life-long learners. One day they too will be leaders in our community and they will recall your generous sharing of your favorite story. With sincere appreciation, we would like to share student reflections and a poem in tribute to this year's "Read Across America" celebration.

*"Let's do this again next year when the cry
So give it some thought, come give it a try!"*

Our event was successful because of you. In February 2007 with great anticipation, we'll seek again... your support of our "Read Across America" celebration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise Arai".

Ms. Denise Arai
Principal