**March is Reading Month**

**Curriculum Focus: Language, Literacy, and Communication**

The curriculum content area Language, Literacy, and Communication focuses on the development of children’s language and literacy skills in the context of social relationships and meaningful activities.

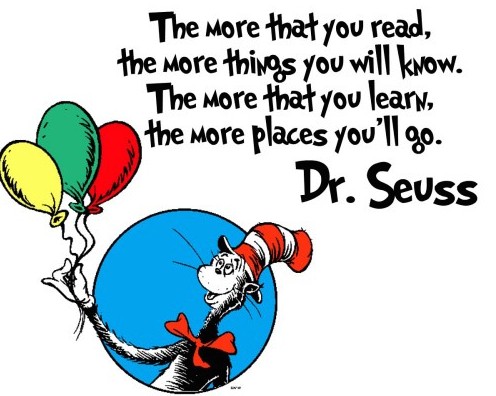
**The Many Uses of Language:**

* We need language to become thinkers
* We start with what we hear, with language that is external and social; but then to think, to become ourselves, we have to move to an inner speech
* Inner talk is when we talk to ourselves in our heads. It is our thinking in action
* Conversation is the universal, shared language of learning. It engages children in the process of actively constructing their understanding of the world and being able to express it.

**The Importance of Reading to Young Children:**

* Introduces children to the pleasure of reading
* Stimulates their imaginations
* Strengthens their brain connections
* Introduces them to new knowledge as well as familiar and comforting themes
* Enhances their language ability

**March 2nd is Dr. Seuss Day**



**In honor of Dr. Seuss here is a list of well-known Dr. Suess books with activities for you to try at home with your child/ren.**

**The Cat in the Hat**-Activity: Wear your favorite hat

**Fox in Socks**-Activity: Toss socks in a box, match socks

**Green Eggs and Ham**-Activity: Wear something green

**Wacky Wednesday**-Activity: Wear your clothes backwards, inside out or mismatched

**March Sign Language**: BYE-BYE/ADIOS

*Submitted by: Marshe’ Calhoun, M.Ed Assistant Education Manager*