

Jackson Township Elementary

News from the Principal's Desk

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March

Character Qualities

- Impartiality
- Respect for Yourself
- Courage
- Kindness

Upcoming Events

March 3-7—Dr. Seuss Week
March 17-21—Spring Break
March 27—Spring Pictures
March 28—JTE PTO Spring Carnival

IRead-3

IRead-3 was completed by second and third grade students. Results will be shared with those parents soon.

Turn Off the Screens and Grab a Book!

Physical books, especially those in genres like fiction and memoirs, allow readers to build empathy and emotional intelligence. They offer insights into different perspectives and life experiences, enabling individuals to develop stronger social and emotional connections with others. A study in the *Science* journal showed that reading fiction improved the ability to understand others' emotions, which is critical for building relationships.



In contrast, excessive screen time often encourages short, fragmented interactions that can hinder the development of deep, meaningful connections. Social media platforms, while connecting people globally, have also been shown to encourage superficial connections that lack depth, making it more challenging for individuals to develop long-term, fulfilling relationships.

Read Across America with Dr. Seuss!

Read Across America Week is an annual event in the United States, typically celebrated during the first week of March. The goal is to promote reading as a fun and valuable activity, fostering a love of books that can last a lifetime. The week coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel), which is March 2nd.

Dr. Seuss is widely known for his beloved children's books, such as The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, and Horton Hears a Who!. His books are known for their imaginative characters, playful language, and memorable rhymes, making them a favorite choice for young readers.

JTE students and staff dressed up in different themes throughout the week, including socks that make a statement for Fox in Socks, pajamas for Sleep Day, wear something wacky for Wacky Wednesday, dress as what you want to be when you grow up for Oh the Places You'll Go, and grab a friend and dress as a twin for Thing One and Thing Two. We even had Green Eggs and Ham for breakfast one day!

