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Kanawha Magistrate to appear at school in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Having Kanawha County Magistrate Julie Yeager deliver the “Reader’s Oath” in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday every year at her school has made a big impression on 11-year-old Emily Grace Racer.

“Dr. Seuss inspires me to read. His books are really good. He says things that are really good for you,” she said. “He’s really creative. He makes children laugh and want to do more things.”

Racer and her fifth-grade classmates Tyler McCormick, 11, and Emma Crouch, 10, said they like to read but taking the Reader’s Oath every year during an assembly definitely encourages them to read more.

Magistrate Yeager has been appearing at Montrose Elementary School in honor of Read Across America Day, an annual event held on or near the March 2 birthday of the late Theodor Seuss Geisel (better known as Dr. Seuss) for eight years.

Students don *Cat in the Hat* hats, dye their hair, wear feather boas and generally alter their appearance in the spirit of Dr. Seuss for the day. On Wednesday, Montrose Music teacher Paul Moore also led the school-wide assembly in a rousing group of selections from the musical, “Seussical Jr.”

Magistrate Yeager’s participation was part of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia’s *Robes to Schools* program. The goal of *Robes to Schools* is to have active and retired justices, circuit judges, family court judges, and magistrates make regular appearances in West Virginia schools.

The “Reader’s Oath” was written by Debra Angstead of Missouri and says in part:

*I promise to read
Each day and each night
I know it’s the key
To growing up right.*

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