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Reads Dr. Seuss Book To Schoolchildren In Cliffside Park and Lodi

Bergen County, NJ - In an effort to encourage children to read, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) read one of his favorite children's books, "The Lorax," to fourth grade children at Cliffside Park Public School Number 5 and as fourth and fifth grade students at Lodi's Washington School. The readings were part of Read Across America Day, which was observed across the country.

"I was delighted to spend time today with some local schoolchildren in Cliffside Park and Lodi, talking with them about the importance of reading," Rothman said. "By encouraging and inspiring our children to start reading at such an early age, we are providing them with the primary key to opening the door to a lifetime of learning and achievement."

Celebrated every year since 1998, NEA's Read Across America commemorates the birthday of Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss), and calls attention to the critical role of reading in the lives of adults and students alike. Last year, it was estimated that more than 35 million children, teenagers, and adults across the country participated in Read Across America activities.

"The Lorax" is a Dr. Seuss book, that in a funny and touching way, makes clear the importance of keeping our environment from being polluted or degraded. As an example to the kids of how we can protect the environment in our own area, Congressman Rothman has made it a priority to preserve the 8,400 undeveloped acres of the Hackensack Meadowlands with the ultimate goal of turning them into an environmental park.

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