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OHIO'S FIRST LADY CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY *Visits Dayton-area elementary school and releases promotional video*

COLUMBUS – In celebration of national [Read Across America Day](#), Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich today visited River's Edge Montessori in Dayton where she read "Everything Is A Poem," by Ohio author J. Patrick Lewis.



"When we help our children develop good reading skills – whether by reading to them or encouraging them to read on their own – we arm them with a powerful life-tool," said Mrs. Kasich.

"Reading increases the likelihood of academic success from elementary school and beyond, sharpens analytical thinking, and enhances memory. And when we read for pleasure, it is a great way to relax and unwind."

The First Lady read several selections from "Everything Is A Poem," to a room of six- to nine-year-old students at the PreK-6 Montessori school. Afterward, the First Lady discussed with the children what they had just heard and asked about the kinds of books they like to read.

The National Education Association's Read Across America Day is celebrated annually on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss.

Teachers, parents, and interested media are encouraged to view and share with children and others two video messages from Mrs. Kasich that promote Read Across America Day and the importance of reading.

For the First Lady's video message for adults, click [here](#).

For the First Lady's video message for children, click [here](#).

View more photos from the First Lady's visit to River's Edge Montessori School on [Flickr](#).

