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From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Educators,

Arkansas Department of Education wants to promote the culture of reading in the state by encouraging schools to participate in Read Across America on March 2. Sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA), March 2 is NEA's Read Across America Day, a nationwide celebration of reading.

ADE is sponsoring a #RISEArkansas contest so teachers and librarians can show their students celebrating Read Across America in schools throughout the state. To enter the contest, teachers will take pictures of their celebrations and post them to Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook. Contest participants must customize and use the following hashtag:

#RISEArkansas #school name teacher name

for example:

#RISEArkansas #NavarreElementaryBrown

Three teachers or librarians with hashtags posted on social media by March 5 will each receive \$150 worth of books for their classroom or library. More postings mean a greater chance to win.

Printable guides and activities to celebrate reading can be accessed from NEA's Read Across America website (see <http://www.seussville.com/Educators/educatorReadAcrossAmerica.php> and <http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>). Feel free to print R.I.S.E. bookmarks to enhance your reading celebration (available at http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/Learning_Services/RISE/RISE_Arkansas/RISEArkansas_bookmarks.pdf).

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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