



Special Event: Celebrate Georgia Reads Aloud

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 is Georgia Reads Aloud Day

Georgia Reads Aloud Day is an annual event celebrating the impact of reading on children's lives. Early care and learning providers, parents, and the community are encouraged to reinforce the importance of reading by making a special effort to read to children of all ages on this day. It is part of the celebration of *Read Across Georgia*, an initiative by First Lady Sandra Deal. *Read Across Georgia* strives to increase the percentage of children reading at grade level by the completion of third grade.

Visit Bright from the Start's Website

Visit us at dec.al.ga.gov where you will find book lists for infant, toddlers, three- and four-year olds, downloadable bookmarks, certificates for storytellers, and other resources to make this event successful.

Be counted

Providers, teachers, and families are encouraged to keep track and submit the number of books read aloud to children on Georgia Reads Aloud Day through our website at dec.al.ga.gov.

The winning classroom will receive a special visit and reading from Georgia's First Lady, Sandra Deal and Bobby Cagle, Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

Your participation will go a long way in helping Georgia's children establish a strong literacy foundation!