

**LORING SCHOOL READS ACROSS AMERICA  
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Every year Loring students participate in a reading motivation program. In the past students have participated in the Heifer Project's "Read to Feed" program; entered a Reading Olympics; Read Around the World through other continents; and celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. This year , Loring will participate in the N.E.A.'s (National Education Association) Read Across America event, which takes place in schools and libraries across the country. Our program begins with an Opening Celebration on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm and concludes with a Closing Celebration on Wed. March 4<sup>th</sup>. Our motto for this year's reading program is "Readers Are Leaders" and students will be given customized pencils, bookmarks, ribbon bracelets and temporary tattoos to reinforce this message.

Students in Grades K-2 will read from Sudbury, all the way across the United States, to Hawaii; Grades 3-5 students will read to Hawaii and back to Sudbury. One mile will be assigned per page read, and students will track their class progress on a weekly basis. Students will be provided with a Student Reading Log, to record pages read. This log should be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school each week.

Each class will be assigned an individual state. Students can win bonus miles for their class by either reading a book set in their state, or researching facts about that state. In reading their way across the country, students will celebrate the spirit, the enthusiasm and the diversity of the American people. At the same time, they will be given an opportunity to enhance their reading skills and expand their reading horizons, as our community of readers shares in this undertaking together.

We hope that parents will encourage and support their children in their reading endeavors, through both independent reading and "read-alouds". Please help your children to find time to read each day and experience the simple pleasure of sitting down with a good book.