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## **March 4<sup>th</sup> is 'Read Across Monrovia' Day Sponsored by Bank of America Home Loans – Monrovia**

Do you think reading is important? Would you like to see little faces smiling at you while they listen to you read a great story? If so, please sign up to read to a class at one of the Monrovia elementary schools on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, between 8 – 9:30 am. You can choose what grade to read to and what book to read. Monrovia Reads thanks Bank of America Home Loans – Monrovia for their generous sponsorship!

“Read Across Monrovia” brings school children and the community together in a shared experience with literature. Business people, community leaders, and anyone else interested in promoting literacy are invited to share some favorite books with local school children. Having a special guest reading in school makes children more excited about reading; community residents also find out more about what’s going on in local schools. Most importantly, everyone gets to have fun reading! To sign up, contact Joanne Spring at 626–358–1952 or Diane Delmatoff at 626–303–6600.

Monrovia Reads organizes two Read Across Monrovia days annually, one in March and the other in October. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year that residents will be able to read to Monrovia children. The March date honors the birthday of Theodor Geisel, who is also known as Dr. Seuss! The National Education Association established the first Thursday in March as Read Across America Day in 1997.

Founded in 2001, Monrovia Reads is a non-profit organization committed to creating and supporting an environment where reading is valued and resources are provided in order that all community members know how to read and do read. In addition to organizing “Read Across Monrovia” Day, Monrovia Reads gives books away to Monrovia

youth, provides books for classroom libraries in Monrovia, and sponsors Monrovia Reads and Plays and Pro-Active Tutoring. If you would like to volunteer with or donate to Monrovia Reads, please visit [www.monroviareads.org](http://www.monroviareads.org).