

# North Florida Region



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## POSITIVE CHARACTER QUOTES BY SEUSS



Be who You  
are, because  
those who  
mind dont  
matter and  
those who  
matter dont  
mind.

“Today you are you,  
that is truer than true.  
There is no one alive  
who is you-er than you”

“Sometimes the ques-  
tions are complicated  
and the answers are  
simple”

“A Person’s a person no  
matter how small”

“You have brains in your  
head. You have Feet in  
your Shoes. You can  
steer yourself in any  
direction you choose!”

“Don’t Cry because it’s  
over. Smile because it  
happened”

“From near to far, from  
hear to there-Funny  
things are everywhere”

“You know you’re in love  
when you can’t fall  
asleep because reality is  
finally better than your  
dreams”

“I’m sorry to say so but,  
sadly it’s true that bang-  
ups and hang-ups can  
happen to you”

“and will you succeed?  
Yes indeed, yes indeed!  
Ninety-eight and three-  
quarters percent guaran-  
teed!”

## Energize your Instruction

### ☺ Get your Students Talking

Encourage students to verbalize what they

see, think and understand. Using vocab in context and explaining thinking to peers is a great way for students to engage and learn the content as well as a way for teachers to check for understanding. Great resources: Kagan Cooperative strategies: think-pair-share and four corners as well as reciprocal teaching

### ☺ Keep your Teaching Novel

Don’t use the same old song and dance! Students and teachers need to move, speak, hear and write to move concepts into long-term memory.

### ☺ Use Brain Breaks

Students and teachers sometimes need to refresh themselves and improve productivity! Brain Break during transition between activities or an energizer to get back on track!

### ☺ Provide activities for all learning styles and intelligences

Differentiating your instruction and offering your students a variety of ways to demonstrate their understanding can create meaningful learning experiences that get students excited! Some suggestions for activities that can tap into different students’ strengths:

#### Tips for Learners Who are \_\_\_\_ Smart

##### Word Smart

Acronyms  
Posters

##### Body Smart

Brain Gym  
Hands-on

##### Math Smart

Brain Teasers  
Reciprocal teaching

##### Picture Smart

Videos  
Montages

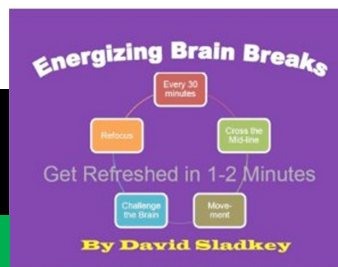
### ☺ Keep Homework Relevant and Reasonable

Making sure that the amount of homework given is practical and that students don’t feel “overloaded” is very important

Adapted From A+ Educator Melissa Field

## Professional Development Book Review

Energizing Brain Breaks are quick 1-2 min. activities which will help you get refocused and energized. It is like hitting your very own refresh button. Each of the 50 activities will challenge your brain while at the same time get you to move your body.



The more you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you’ll go!

- I Can Read with My Eyes Shut

Energizing Brain Breaks can be yours! Simply go to our “Imagine North Florida” Region Facebook page and post your “Trick” to keep students engaged! Randomly selected posts will win a copy of this awesome book!!!



Imagine North Florida



## I'll Do It Tomorrow

Poem and tips by Annette Breaux

I didn't feel like doing it, so I put it off for a day  
 And the next day came and I put off more  
 –too much was coming my way  
 I used up tons of paper with my list of “Things to Do”  
 And every day my “list of things” just grew and grew and grew  
 It overtook my kitchen, then it overtook my house.  
 It overtook my children and it overtook my spouse.  
 If only I had done the things that needed to be done,  
 It would have been much easier to do things one by one.  
 But now I'm overwhelmed with all the things I did not do.  
 How will I survive this? I do not have a clue!  
 And sitting atop these things to do  
 are feelings of guilt and sorrow,  
 So I'm turning over a new leaf. Yep, I'll do it tomorrow!

Do Not Procrastinate....

It happens to teachers all the time—they enter the “I'll do it tomorrow” cave (It's a cave because it is a dark and scary place to live)— do not go there! It is alluring, we all experience a sense of overwhelm from time to time, and it's easy to put one thing off. Then two things. Then three...and soon enough you will be swallowed up by all you have to do. It's that old familiar feeling of cramming for an exam the night before when we could have taken the smart route by studying over time, at least we could have passed the exam that way without a mental breakdown.  
 Stay on top of your stress. It's much better to be on top of your workload than to have your workload on top of you! Don't put it off one more minute— take a step right now—to begin it!

So you see!  
 There's no  
 end  
 To the  
 things you  
 might know,  
 Depending how far  
 Beyond Zebra you go!



-On Beyond Zebra!

# SLANT

When students are expected to pay attention, focus and listen, they need to be taught the specific expectation, body stances, and behaviors that will lead to success. SLANT is an acronym that is used to remind students of the proper behaviors to exhibit when listening to a speaker.

- ♥ **SIT UP**— instruct students to orient themselves in a way that will maximize their ability to focus
- ♥ **LEAN FORWARD** - Tell student not lean slightly toward the person who is speaking
- ♥ **ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS** - Encourage students to be active by asking questions about information presented
- ♥ **NOD YOUR HEAD** - When the speaker makes a statement or asks a question, students should practice nonverbal responses like head nods, raised eyebrows, or thumbs up
- ♥ **TRACK THE SPEAKER** - Inform students that they will want to constantly track and watch the speaker's movements, hand motions and non verbal cues

## STAR variation

Sit up  
 Track speaker  
 Ask questions  
 Respect others

# Advanced Reading Challenge

School	Total students participating:	Total Books Read:	Average per student:
ISLC	107	977	9.13
ISTC	138	1389	10
ISER	10	100	10
North FL Region	255 students	2,466 books	9.67 average

5 students have ALREADY Completed the challenge!!!

**UNLESS** someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not!  
 - The Lorax



# Oh the Places You'll Go!

WITH AUDIO BOOKS

Knowing that one in three learners are audio - it might be appropriate to include audiobooks into the classroom to:

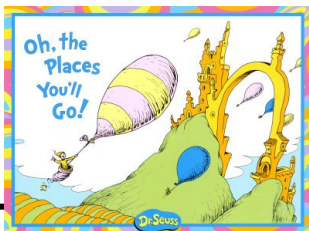
- ⇒ Introduce students to books above their reading level
- ⇒ Model good interpretive reading
- ⇒ Teach critical listening
- ⇒ Highlight the humor in books
- ⇒ Introduce new genres that students might not otherwise consider
- ⇒ Introduce new vocabulary or difficult proper names or locales
- ⇒ Sidestep unfamiliar dialects or accents, old English, and old-fashioned literary styles
- ⇒ Provide a read-aloud model
- ⇒ Provide a bridge to

important topics of discussion for parents and children who can listen together while commuting to sporting events, music lessons, or on vacations

⇒ Recapture "the essence and the delights of hearing stories beautifully told by extraordinary talented storytellers"

Ideas and examples to use as tools:

- ◇ Reading centers
- ◇ Book Backpacks
- ◇ Books clubs
- ◇ Teasers
- ◇ Developing Comprehension skills



## OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

You have brains in your head.  
 You have feet in your shoes.  
 You can steer yourself any directions you choose  
 You're on your own.  
 And you know what you know.  
 And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go!  
 - Oh, The Places You'll Go

*An enormous numbers of children's books are published each year, and one great way for teachers to remain current in their knowledge of literature is through audiobooks. Simply listening on the drive to and from school teachers can review 25 new books each year!*

### Important (and some random) Dates in March:

- National Women History Month
- 1 - National Peanut Butter Lover's Day
- 2- Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- 3- National Anthem Day
- 6- First OREO cookies sold 1912
- 8 -Working Women's Day
- 9 -Barbie was created
- 11—Daylight Savings time begins
- 12- Girl Scout Day
- 14- Einstein's Birthday
- 15- Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 18 - First Walk in Space
- 20 - President's Day
- 21 -Children's Poetry Day
- 22 -National Sing-Out-Loud Day
- 23 - Toast Day
- 25- The first pancake was made
- 26- Robert Frost's Birthday
- 29-Coca-Cola was invented
- 29- Artist Vincent vngogh born 1853

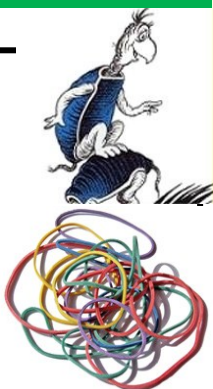


Imagine North Florida is on Facebook and Pinterest! Join our region as we continue to communicate & grow our friendships



## Shared Values

"I know, up on top  
 You are seeing great sights,  
 But down at the bottom  
 We, too, should have rights.  
 -Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories





### Get to know the North Florida Team

Favorite Dr. Seuss Book



### BE TRUE TO YOURSELF

Come on! Open your mouth and sound off at the sky! Shout loud at the top of your voice:

"I AM!" ME! I am!  
And I many not know why  
But I know that I like it.  
Three Cheers! I AM!!

**Diane Beatty:** "Green Eggs and Ham"

**Lisa O'Grady:** "The Lorax"

**Linda Williams:** "Green Eggs and Ham"

**Mary Briggs:** "The Foot Book"

**Cathi Cohen:** "Green Eggs and Ham"

**Lorna Potter:** "The Secret Art of Dr. Seuss"

**Jennifer Fornes:** "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

**Jeremy Gutierrez:** "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish"

**Stephania Sherman:** "Oh the Places You'll Go!"

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**Jessica Duran:** "Green Eggs and Ham"

## Education Directors

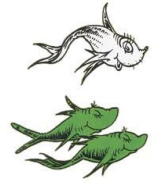
**Education Directors will be walking through with Stephania this month—no worries we are just looking for the awesome things you are already doing!**

Don't forget to check out the latest blog:

<http://imagineeducators.webs.com/>

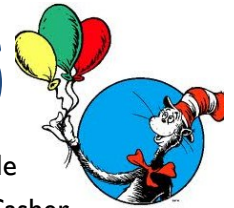
## Read Across America Poem

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
To pick up a book and read with a child.  
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,  
To pick up a book and share what you've got.  
In schools and communities,  
Let's gather around,  
Let's pick up a book,  
Let's pass it around.  
There are kids all around you,  
Kids who will need  
Someone to hug, Someone to read.  
Come join us March 2nd Your own special way  
And make this America's Read to Kids Day.



### Region Celebrations:

## March Birthdays



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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 3/1 Tara Seguire        | 3/26 Lori Naegele    |
| 3/3 Candee Broomell     | 3/28 Samantha Casher |
| 3/3 Larry Austin        | 3/29 Michelle Emden  |
| 3/5 Heather Overton     | 3/30 Amy Biletto     |
| 3/5 Lori Watters        | 3/30 Patsy Ford      |
| 3/8 Kerri Connolly      | 3/31 Michelle Weiner |
| 3/10 Eva Cofner         |                      |
| 3/15 Shirley Butler     |                      |
| 3/16 Melinda Rutherford |                      |
| 3/17 Tiffany Shields    |                      |
| 3/18 Laura Sparrow      |                      |
| 3/18 Aimee Wilson       |                      |
| 3/19 Jennifer Bellerive |                      |
| 3/19 Jeremy Gutierrez   |                      |
| 3/23 Brett Cunningham   |                      |



**Share your celebrations with our region.....had a baby? Get married? Tell us - just email me!**



Lucas Stricker and wife from Imagine Evening Rose welcomed baby Roman Edward Stricker on Tuesday February 7th at 3:52am. Baby Roman is 6lbs 13oz and 20 in long.

Julie Ramos and husband from Imagine South Lake welcomed baby Mariella Suzanne Ramos at 5:30am February 16th. Baby Mariella is 8lbs 12oz.

Nathan Hagaman and wife from Imagine Evening Rose welcomed baby Rory Bea Hagaman into the world on February 20th at 12:20am. Baby Rory is 9lbs 7oz

