

EOC Emergency Services Students “Read Across America”

Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center Emergency Services students recently helped students from Jones Elementary School celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with “Read Across America” activities. High school and adult students from EOC visited each classroom to read a Dr. Seuss book and answer questions about their classes at the tech center. EMS students are all working toward becoming certified firefighters and community outreach is part of that career path. Firefighters often work with children of all ages to teach them about fire safety. They are also called upon to respond to the needs of children in crisis situations. Reading to elementary school children is a good first step in learning to work with this age group.

Each elementary teacher chose a Dr. Seuss book to be read to their class. “Some of these books are full of tongue twisters and made up words, but they were fun to read,” said Russell Garr, a Jones High School and EOC Tech senior. Mrs. Laurayne Wudi, Jones High School teacher and Jones OEA member, coordinated the event for the elementary school. The Oklahoma Education Association and the National Education Association sponsor “Read Across America” each year to promote reading and celebrate the birthday of the beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss.