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**Our Students Are Making Great Progress!**



Connor



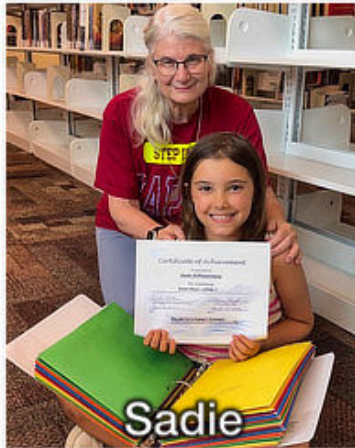
Azalea



Nicolas



Chloe



Sadie



Emma



Laila



Willie



Emilio



Nicolas

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Greysen

Connor Newcomer received THREE Certificates at once! He did a terrific job on challenging both Chapters 3 and 5 in one session! His math progress is

steady, and working with him has been a true delight! Connor's tutor is Wendy DeMane.

**Azalea Wolff** completed *Smart Steps, Level 1 - Section 3*. Her tutor is Cheryl Bagley.

**Nicolas Deas** completed *Passages to Comprehension - Interpret Word Choice*. His tutor, Tori Wran, says that Nicolas demonstrated a good understanding of the section.

**Chloe Lint** has made steady progress this year. She works hard, and her improvement shows it. Her scores at school show an increase of 58%. Chloe is a delight - and she never stops smiling! Her tutor is Eileen Davenport.

**Sadie DeRepentigny** completed ALL of *Smart Steps - Level 1*. Sadie's tutor is Patricia Wright.

**Emma De La Cruz** completed *Smart Steps, Level 1 - Section 2*. Her tutor is Debbie Idol.

**Laila Alston** has completed *Chapter 2 of Mammoth Math 1*. She is working very hard and moving along quickly. She is fun to work with and always brings a smile. Her tutor is Diane Rumfelt.

**Willie Scott** continues on his journey. He has completed *Passages to Comprehension, Level 4 - Read Closely*. Willie's tutor is Barbara Rothfork.

We are excited to see **Emilio De La Cruz's** success! He is with his new tutor, Ms Kathy Coulom.

Although the chapters were challenging, **Nicolas Deas** made great progress through the *Interpret Word Choice* section. His tutor is Tori Wran.

**Greysen Rapazzo** completed *Passages to Comprehension, Level 2 - Determine Key Concepts*. His tutor is Carol Westbrook.



## Volunteer Appreciation Reception



PLC's dedicated volunteers were celebrated at our Volunteer Appreciation Reception held on April 24th at the PLC offices.

Executive Director/Founder **Dodi Hodges** thanked all our volunteers for their amazing work and support of our organization. She distributed special Volunteer Pins to those who have volunteered for 5 years or more. Also, Dodi distributed PLC pins to other volunteers in attendance.



### Hooray...A New Dr. Seuss Book Is On The Way!

Nearly 35 years after **Dr. Seuss'** death, a new book, found in his archives, will be released on June 2, 2026 in honor of the United States' 250th Anniversary.

*Sing the 50 United States!* will feature the beloved Cat in the Hat and two Little Cat helpers who encourage children to learn about and name each of the United States.

PLC and our library partners will feature a special Children's Story Time featuring a reader who will read *Sing the 50 United States!*, and have a Cat in the Hat patriotic craft for the kids. The events will take place at the individual libraries as follows:

Aynor Library	June 2nd at 10:30 a.m.
Conway Library	June 2nd at 1:00 p.m.
Chapin Library	June 2nd at 3:00 p.m.
Surfside Library	June 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

Socastee Library  
Carolina Forest Library  
Loris Library  
North MB Library

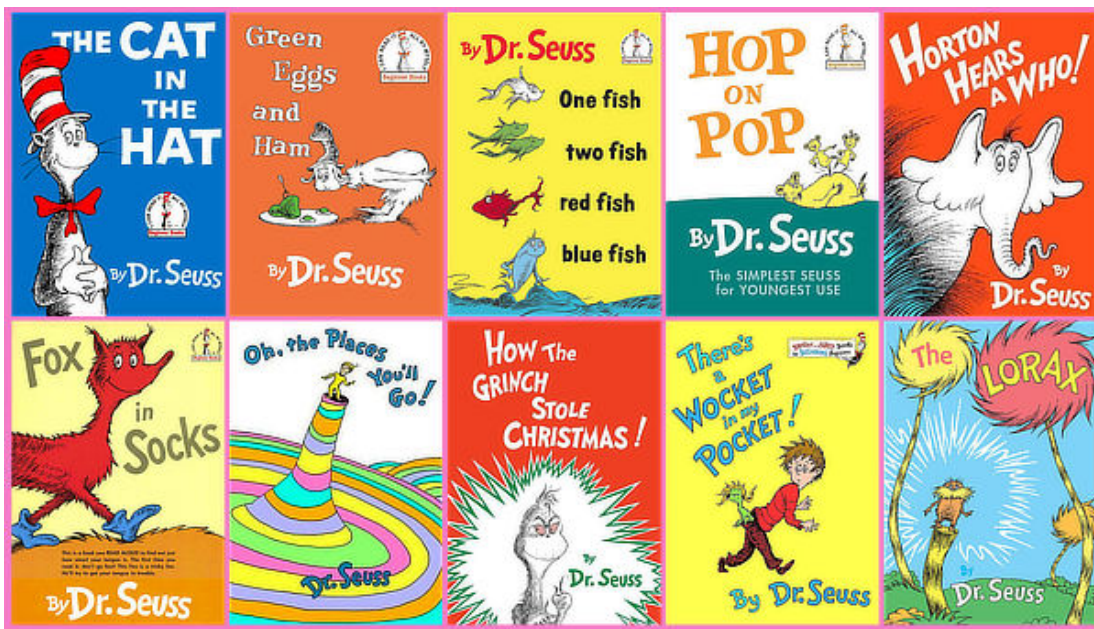
June 3rd at 2:00 p.m.  
June 4th at 11:00 a.m.  
June 9th at 10:00 a.m.  
June 10th at 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of these events, please contact Ellen Sycks at [ellen@palmettoliteracy.org](mailto:ellen@palmettoliteracy.org) or (843) 839-9102.



## Vote for Your Favorite Dr. Seuss Book!

Everyone has a favorite **Dr. Seuss** book...Vote for your favorite among the Top 10 best-selling books from Dr. Seuss. [Click here!](#)



Oh, gather around, every reader, and look -  
It's time to vote for your FAVORITE book!

Is it one with a cat - Who wears hats upon hats?

Or a tale full of creatures - With long, twisty features?

Raise your voice, give a shout! - Let your favorite pop out!

For the best book you've read - Lives inside your own head!



**Nichole Inthanongsak is our New Volunteer Coordinator**



Palmetto Literacy is happy to announce that **Nichole Inthanongsak** has joined Palmetto Literacy Council as our new Volunteer Coordinator.

Nichole earned a Master's degree in Literacy from Elmira College in Elmira, New York, where she taught elementary school in the Horseheads Central School District. During her tenure, she was awarded the 2015-2016 New York Teaching in Excellence Award and served on the Educational 2030 Committee.

She and her husband Joe live in Myrtle Beach and have 3 children: Laela, Kingston, and Miles.

Palmetto Literacy Council is grateful to the ATI Foundation for its recent grant, which funds the new Volunteer Coordinator position.



## A Message From Our Director

**Greetings!**

“May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.” – Emily Brontë

What does that mean for you? We are expecting some upcoming graduations, wishing that everyone is learning, and hoping we continue to provide the high-quality tutoring we have historically provided!

**Summer** - Some of our students will not be tutored. Please encourage them to read, even if they are math students. Our math students need to keep practicing those basic facts (+, -, ×, ÷). Students lose between 30% to 39% of what they learned during the regular school year over summer break. We have found that our students keep more of what they learned if they stay in tutoring. Let's work on keeping them actively engaged in learning.

**Tutor Subs** - We have a Substitute Volunteer Tutor list. For those of you willing to substitute tutor this summer, please let Dodi know. If you think, as a parent

of a student, an adult student, or a Volunteer Tutor, that this might be beneficial for you, please contact Dodi.

Subs will be available if the Volunteer Tutors are absent for two weeks or more. It will be up to the parents/adult student and the Volunteer Tutor to agree that a Substitute Volunteer Tutor will work.

**Volunteer Coordinator** - We've hired Nichole Inthanongsak, part-time Volunteer Coordinator. She will pair students with tutors; in charge of Volunteer Orientation and Training, and do outreach. Nichole plans to visit the libraries where we are tutoring in to observe our Volunteer Tutors encouraging students to learn. Her hours are Mondays from 6:00-8:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

We hope everyone has a month filled with positive expectations, wishes, and hope!

Stay safe and healthy,

***Dodi***



## Volunteer Orientation and Training

All VOT takes place at our office at  
1435 Cannon Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

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- Thursday, **May 14**, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, **May 26**, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, **June 23**, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, **July 22**, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, **July 29**, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm



### **Our Mission:**

*The Palmetto Literacy Council's mission is to improve the literacy of youth and adults in our community by tutoring literacy skills for those who struggle with basic Reading, Writing, and/or Math.*

If you've read this far, you're obviously interested in what we do. Your donation helps pay for student binders, office space, copy machines, paper, and much more. Please donate what you can today!

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