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FREE LITERACY EVENT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

WHAT: First 5 Contra Costa is sponsoring a free literacy event for children ages two to five in celebration of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday. Local families will enjoy storytelling, arts and crafts, costumed characters, games, and free book and book-bag giveaways. Refreshments, including green eggs and ham, will also be served. Special guest readers include Senator Mark DeSaulnier.

Information will also be available for parents about the importance of reading daily with young children.

WHERE: Concord Hilton Hotel
1970 Diamond Blvd.
Concord

WHEN: February 27, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHY: Reading aloud to babies and young children has a profound impact on their development and increases children's understanding of language and vocabulary. It is one of the most important ways to get children ready for success in school.

WHO: *About First 5 Contra Costa*
For nearly a decade, First 5 Contra Costa has used tobacco tax funds to help children from the prenatal stage to age five grow up healthy, learning, and supported in safe, nurturing families and communities. Last year, First 5 Contra Costa invested \$10.9 million to help our county's children get the best possible start.

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