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**USI students assist local elementary schools
celebrating Read Across America Day**

In observance of Read Across America Day, on Thursday, March 2, from 9 to 10:40 a.m., USI students will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with Marrs Elementary School students by reading Seuss' books and participating in fun activities based on his stories, such as decorating cupcakes, making hats, assembling vehicles from marshmallows, etc. Coordinators of the festivities are Dr. Susan Gooden, assistant professor of education at USI, and Julie Kissinger, Marrs Elementary School librarian. The participating USI students are members of Dr. Gooden's children's literature class which meets at Marrs Elementary School.

In the afternoon, members of the USI Student Education Association will assist teachers and students at Cynthia Heights Elementary School. At 1 p.m., Dr. Gooden will read Seuss' book, *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* Other guests from the community who will be reading to the children include Byron Douglas from WFIE and Sheriff Brad Ellsworth.