

Community Read Aloud - 2009

This year marked the 10th annual **Community Read Aloud** event in Mid Coast Maine. **280** volunteers signed up to read to approximately **4,500** children in the **22** participating schools and **32** participating child cares across Sagadahoc and Lincoln counties, as well as Brunswick and Harpswell. Despite the snowstorm that interfered with the scheduled date of March 2nd, most volunteers were still able to read either the next day or at another time.

A few quotations from this year's volunteers:

"I had a great time reading to the pre-k at St Johns this morning. The kids were great and very responsive. Also excellent teacher as she had to calm them down after they got revved up with CAPS FOR SALE!!! We had fun. Once again thanks for all your efforts and organizing, all seemed to go well".

"Reading to Mrs. Ringrose's class today was SO MUCH FUN!"

"They were a fabulous, fun audience. I would so do this again!"

"It was once again a lot of fun! Thanks and sign me up for next year!"

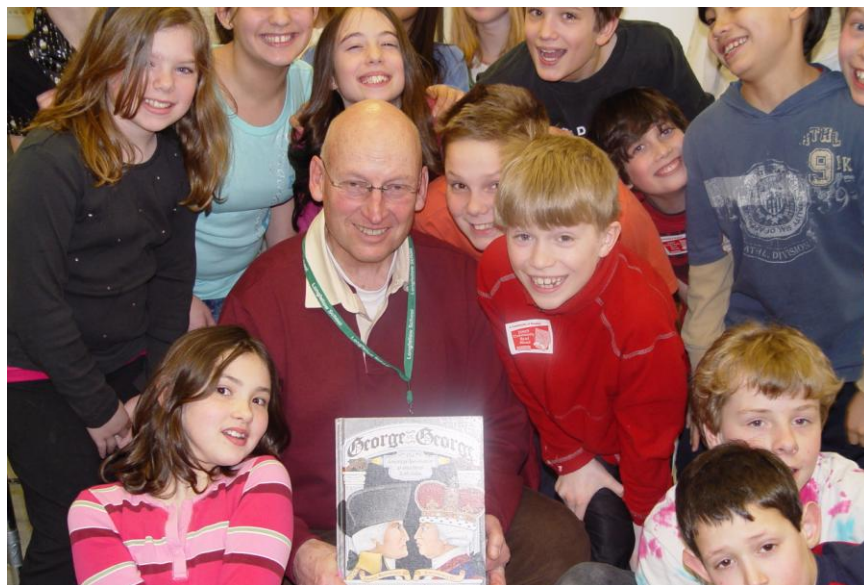
"I really enjoyed reading to Annie Connell's first graders today--and having them read to me! What wonderful children who seem to love reading!"

"Keep me in mind for next year!"

"It's more fun every year"

"I went to Sherry's daycare this past Friday and had such a lovely time doing stories and music with her and her preschoolers and toddlers. They were so well behaved and enthusiastic and sweet. It's been several years since I worked with preschoolers so it was a highlight of my week!"

"It was a fun day with lots of Dr. Seuss, stories, hats and laughs."



Tim Martel with the 5th grade class he read to at Longfellow School in Brunswick