

**Teacher Created Materials and Employee Volunteers
Celebrate Read Across America Day
at Iva Meairs Elementary School in Garden Grove**

Reading activity, mini library makeover, garden beautification, and lunch area wall mural were among the various projects completed during the Read Across America event.

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Teacher Created Materials, an educational publisher headquartered in Orange County, will be actively pursuing their vision “to create a world in which children love to learn” by celebrating Read Across America at Iva Meairs Elementary School on March 2nd with employee volunteer participation that includes reading to the students and school campus beautification projects.

Celebrating Read Across America Day, an annual event commemorating children’s author Theodor Geisel’s (Dr. Seuss) birthday, has become an annual event for Teacher Created Materials. Over 100 employees volunteer their time to motivate children to read and enjoy learning.

“Every opportunity we have to create a world in which children love to learn is a top priority for Teacher Created Materials” says Deanne Mendoza, Co-Owner of Teacher Created Materials. “Read Across America affords us yet another chance to reach out to the local community to enrich the learning experience through reading to the students.”

Teacher Created Materials chose Iva Meairs Elementary, located on Trask Avenue in Garden Grove, due to the school’s needs and importance to its surrounding community. Since 1949, Meairs Elementary has educated students at primary and elementary levels. Currently, the Title I school serves a large percentage of students, over 80 percent, who qualify for free or reduced lunches. The school’s diverse student population is made of up primarily Latino and Asian youth embraced by exceptional principal and staff whose vision of “Building Tomorrow’s Leaders Today” is an everyday endeavor.

Principal Katherine Kane didn’t hesitate to express her gratitude, “We are so excited to have the volunteers from Teacher Created Materials come to Meairs. We are overwhelmed by their generosity,” says Kathy Kane, Principal at Iva Meairs Elementary School. “Their hard work will make our little corner of the world a more engaging place for our students to learn. We can't thank them enough.”

Employee volunteers from all Teacher Created Materials’ departments will participate in the day’s events including reading and fun activities designed to help improve literacy skills with small student groups. Other activities to enhance the large campus and further enrich learning include: a mini library makeover featuring a small redesigned reading space to motivate children to read; a colorful wall

mural located in the school's lunch area boasting the school's campaign encouraging students to "Be Your Best;" a garden beautification project that includes cleaning school grounds and adding pots of plants with signs bearing inspirational messages selected by the teachers and students; and a large painted United States map adorning the playground.

Teacher Created Materials enlisted the help of OneOC, a nonprofit organization committed to "accelerating nonprofit success through volunteer, training, consulting and business services" to manage the project.

About Teacher Created Materials

Teacher Created Materials develops innovative and imaginative educational materials and services for students worldwide. Everything the company does is "created by teachers for teachers and students to make teaching more effective and learning more fun." For more information about Teacher Created Materials and their products, visit www.teachercreatedmaterials.com.

About OneOC

OneOC, a nonprofit organization, provides support to nonprofit organizations and is affiliated with Points of Lights Institute and HandsOn Network. OneOC launched the Center for Business & Community Partnerships in 2015 to help companies "build their giving and employee programs in order to maximize their charitable activities in the community."

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