



POLK COUNTY BANK

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Polk County Bank sponsors *Read Across Johnston 2008* – a program to support the importance of reading and to provide a book to every 1st grade student in the Johnston public schools

Johnston, IA (March 3, 2007) – Polk County Bank believes in the potential and promise of each child. For children to have a bright future the ability to read is essential. Therefore, when Johnston Public Schools and the JEA asked Polk County Bank to sponsor *Read Across Johnston 2008* the answer was YES! Count on us.

The purpose of *Read Across Johnston 2008* is to promote the importance of reading and strengthen the district's goal regarding sound reading instruction. One of the goals of *Read Across Iowa 2008* is to give each first grade student in the Johnston Public Schools their very own Dr. Seuss book.

There are approximately 450 first graders in the Johnston Public Schools. The goal of the drive was to sponsor 475 Dr. Seuss books in the *Cat in the Hat* beginner book series.

The gift from Polk County Bank helped to ensure that every first grade student in Johnston experienced the magical written word of Dr. Seuss.

Mary Miller, Vice President of Customer Service; Sue Harney, Senior Vice President and Market Executive; and Robert J. Miller, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board received recognition for Polk County Bank's sponsorship of *Read Across Johnston 2008*.

Polk County Bank is located at 5601 Merle Hay Road in Johnston. This year Polk County Bank in Johnston celebrates its 10-year anniversary. Polk County Bank has two additional locations in Urbandale and Polk City.