Reading into Success is pleased to announce One 2 Read, a one book celebration for metro area second graders taking place March 27 – April 5. One 2 Read will start conversations and foster community by providing programs and activities, including author visits, to create a shared experience over the same book.

During the week of March 27-31, One 2 Read will deliver copies of *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons* to all second graders in the four public school districts. We encourage you to read this book with your child and to talk about the value of reading together.

Additionally, author Eric Litwin will visit the Cedar Rapids Public Library for two presentations on **APRIL 4**

at **5pm and 7pm.**

This is a **FREE** event and open to the public. We invite you to bring your child and hear from the author himself, as well as have the opportunity to get your book signed (or purchase additional copies) after his reading.

Find more information on our website at www.crlibrary.org or call us at 319.261.READ.
NOAH’S MAGIC BUTTONS

When Noah was little, his grandmother gave him a jar of magic buttons.

“This button is made out of a seashell,” she said.

She picked up another, “This one is made from coconuts”

One by one, she shifted through the jar, displaying buttons for Noah to inspect.

Some sparkled like jewels and coins, others were white like ivory or covered in fabric.

She had a magical story for each button and each story stayed with him.

Now, Noah’s favorite game is to play stories in the sandbox with his friend, Raya.

“The mermaid will be here,” Raya said, topping a sand island with a glittering treasure.

“The pirates’ treasure will be buried over here.” Noah says, as he fills a hole with coin-like buttons.

“And Peter Pan lives here.” Raya said as she carefully arranges a green button.

Together, they construct a new world using some sand, imagination and Noah’s jar of magic buttons.
Moving Molecules

Supplies:
- 3 Clear jars
- Water
- Food coloring
- Masking tape
- Markers
- Thermometer (optional)

What happens to the drop of food coloring?
Does the food coloring behave the same in each of the jars? Why or why not?
What is different about the jars?
What can you say about the relationship between heat and the movement of molecules?
{for older kids}

The Science Behind It
Molecules move faster when they are warmer and slower when they are colder. The drop of food coloring spreads out fastest in the hot water because the molecules are moving the fastest of the three jars. The food coloring spreads out fairly quickly in room temperature water and slowest in the cold water. Eventually the food coloring spreads throughout all three jars.

www.coffecupsandcrayons.com/simple-heat-experiment
“Evergreen, Everblue, as it was in the beginning, we've got to see it through. Oh, Evergreen, Everblue, at this point in time, it's up to me, it's up to you.”

This song may be familiar to those of you who, like me, grew up in the 90s. The children's singer and composer, Raffi, has written several songs that speak to environmental issues and “Evergreen, Everblue” is one of my favorites. Sharing music that has an eco-friendly message is a great way to help our children understand the importance of taking care of our planet. We should also demonstrate positive behaviors such as cleaning up litter, recycling, and reading eco-friendly books. Here are a few of my favorites.

“Mr. King’s Things” by Geneviève Côté is a story about a lazy cat who only loves new things. Whenever he gets bored of a toy, he just throws it in the nearby pond and buys a new one. One day Mr. King goes fishing in the pond, but instead of catching a fish, he catches a nasty pond monster made of all the junk he threw away. Using simple text and colorful illustrations, Geneviève Côté conveys a message about overconsumption and recycling that will be easy for young children to understand.

When confronted with large scale problems such as pollution and climate change, people often feel that their individual actions don't really matter. “One Plastic Bag” by Miranda Paul is a true story about a woman in Africa named Isatou Ceesay, who decides to try and cut down on the plastic bag pollution in her Gambian village. The discarded plastic bags cover the streets and are often eaten by the local goats, which can't digest the bags. Villagers lose money when their goats get sick and die. She talks with some of her friends and they figure out how to crochet the discarded plastic bags into purses that they can sell at the local market. Gorgeous illustrations and an inspiring message make this a perfect book to share with any young reader.

For children who are starting to read independently, “How to Help the Earth – by the Lorax” by Tish Rabe is a great title. A familiar Dr. Seuss character, the Lorax, narrates the book, giving children simple ideas about how they can reduce waste and save energy. Examples include turning off lights and taking shorter showers.

It’s believed people who are more strongly connected to the environment are more likely to take good care of it. “The World is Waiting for You” is a National Geographic children’s book by Barbara Kerley that encourages children to go outside and explore. The photography used for the book is breath-taking and the text reads like poetry.

For more ideas regarding eco-friendly books for your child, be sure to talk with your friendly Cedar Rapids librarians. We are always more than happy to help your child find the right book for them!
Quick Kebabs!

Supplies:

- Cubed, roasted deli turkey or chicken
- Cubed cheese
- Grapes
- Dried apricots or other dried fruit
- Wooden skewers

Begin by pushing the skewer through the center of a piece of meat. Push the piece all the way to the end.

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Alternate the meat, cheese, grapes, and dried fruit. Try to make a fun pattern by repeating the same order over and over!

2

Energy is necessary for all living beings to grow. Animals and humans get energy from the food we eat. Calories are a measurement of energy, and the food we eat is made up of calories. Without enough calories, our hearts would not beat, our lungs would not function, and our brains would not work.
Wind-Powered Pinwheel

**Supplies:**

- One square piece of paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pin
- Dowel or stick
- Plastic pony beads (2-3, optional)

1. **Fold**
   your square corner to corner, unfold, and fold opposite corner to corner and unfold again. The folds will create a big X on the square.

2. **Use**
   your pencil to make a mark on each fold line, about 1/3 of the way from the center.

3. **Cut**
   along the fold lines. Stop at the pencil mark.

4. **Bring**
   every other point to the center, and stick the pin through all four points. The head of the pin forms the hub of the pinwheel. Turn your pinwheel over to make sure the pin pokes through the exact center.

5. **Stick**
   the pin onto your dowel or stick. Optional: Use a few pony beads to separate the pinwheel from the dowel to help it spin.

*Why This Matters: Children learn through hands-on, interactive participation. Activities and crafts help children learn these pre-literacy skills."
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10:30 am Little Sports: T-Ball  
3:30 pm Ctrl Alt Create  
4 pm Between Friends Book Club |
| 3    | 1 pm Preschool STEAM  
3:30 pm Board to Bits  
5 or 7 pm An Evening with Eric Litwin, Original Author of Pete the Cat |
| 4    | 10 am Play & Sing & Read  
3:30 pm Ctrl Alt Create  
5:30-7:30 pm CR Chess Club  
6-7:30 pm Midwest RotorSports Drone School |
| 5    | 10 am Story Time  
9:30 am Mother Goose on the Loose  
2:30 pm LaddWorks |
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| 13   | 10 am Story Time  
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| 14   | Library Closed |
| 15   | 10:30 am-noon Spring Sunshine Spectacular! |
| 16   | Library Closed  
9 am-noon Healthy Child Screening  
9 am-noon Masters of Money Mini-Golf  
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| 17   | 9:30 am Play & Learn  
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2:30-4:30 pm Midwest RotorSports: Indoor Whoop Racing |
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10 am Parachute Fun!  
3:30 pm Ctrl Alt Create |
| 24   | 9:30 am Mother Goose on the Loose  
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