Description of Read for the Record Event:

In America today, one in three children arrives at the first day of school unprepared to learn, due primarily to economic inequality. Jumpstart’s Read for the Record campaign highlights the importance of early involvement and the role everyone can play, every day, in the lives of at-risk preschoolers. On this day of national service and public awareness, events at schools, libraries, and community centers can engage our entire community in this important cause.

By reading the same book (The Very Hungry Caterpillar) on the same day (October 8th, 2009) we aim to set a new world record while engaging our entire community – children, families, and civic leaders – in our schools.

Furthermore, Jumpstart’s Read for the Record will be placing thousands of books in the homes of DC’s most underserved young children. These books, combined with proven resources to help children learn to love reading, provide a simple, straightforward, and effective way to support early literacy and education in low income communities.

Hours and Times of Service:

Events at Pre-K classrooms will begin at 9am and run through noon on the morning of October 8th. Volunteers can choose to read to between one and four classes and readings typically take 35 minutes – 55 minutes.

Location:

DCPS School Sites throughout the District of Columbia, Pre-K Classrooms

Description of Volunteer Duties during Event:

Volunteers will serve as guest readers at local DCPS Pre-K classrooms. They will receive a copy of this year’s campaign book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, to read to a class at a designated school site. Volunteers will also be responsible in engaging the class in the reading and distributing Jumpstart’s Read for the Record collateral materials (stickers, certificates of participation, etc.) at the conclusion of the reading.

For more information on Volunteering for Jumpstart’s Read for the Record Campaign please contact Erin Quigg, erin.quigg@jstart.org or (202)393-3344

For additional information about Jumpstart and how you can become more involved in the Read for the Record Campaign please visit www.jstart.org or www.readfortherecord.org