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On March, 1904, a baby named Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield, Mass. But today, 107 years after he was born, he's better known around the world simply as "Dr. Seuss."

His father and grandfather were brewmasters, and his mother used to "chant" rhymes to her children at bedtimes. Geisel later is reported as crediting his mother with both his ability and desire to create rhymes that were the centerpiece of his stories.

Geisel combined his love of language with a talent as a cartoonist. Through the years he wrote more than 40 books - the most famous being *The Cat in the Hat*.

Other books include *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*, and *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*.

To celebrate Geisel's birthday, the youngsters at Southeast Elementary School in Dexter had a day full of Seussical fun - starting off with green eggs and ham served in the cafeteria for breakfast.

Shannon Putnum's first grade students had time for Horton (from *Horton Hears a Who*), and had special hats (just like the cat's) to wear during the afternoon, as well as read some

favorites from Dr. Seuss.

So here's a tip of the red and white hat
To the fella who gave us that mischievous cat!

*"Today is your day
You're off the Great Places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go."*

-from "Oh The Places You'll GO"

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