

## Early Learning Express: September 2016 Update

A new school year is upon us and with that a fresh round of Early Learning Express visits. This fall the ELE has 13 family child cares, 16 center based programs, and 2 primary classrooms on the schedule for a total 45 story times every two weeks. That's a lot of outreach!

Assisted by her faithful tiger puppet, Sueño will introduce the ways of the Early Learning Express to new children with the help of older and more experienced classmates, to be sure. The theme for these first visits will be a love and reading as well as the proper care and use of books. *Read It, Don't Eat It* by Ian Schoenherr lays out how to take care of and use a book with proper respect. Vandalized books and those in various stages of disrepair will be on hand to model the sad state of affairs that can result from improper care. *Maybe a Bear Ate It* by Tobie H. Harris and illustrated by Michael Emberley depicts a book loving monster frantically searching for a lost book. For older groups we will read *Inside the Books: Readers and Libraries Around the World* written by Toni Buzzeo. This book shows how people across the globe have books brought to them by mobile libraries of all kinds so everyone can enjoy the hidden worlds inside their covers.

