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Vice Mayor David Crowley to help children learn to read

- What:** Vice Mayor David Crowley will be a guest reader in one of CAA's Head Start classrooms.
- When:** Monday, March 9, 2009, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- Where:** Theodore M. Berry Head Start Center
880 W. Court Street
Cincinnati, OH 45203
- Who:** Vice Mayor David Crowley will be reading to a classroom of 3 and 4 year-olds enrolled in Head Start. Head Start provides a comprehensive preschool experience to low-income children throughout Hamilton County. Head Start provides so much more than a quality education, understanding that children can only meet their learning potential when all of their basic needs are met. Head Start works with parents who are every child's primary educators, helps ensure medical needs are met, and provides nutritious meals.
- Why:** By volunteering to read to CAA's Head Start children, Vice Mayor Crowley is playing an important role in their developmental success, because reading to children:
- Molds kids into becoming readers, and raising a reader significantly increases a child's potential for academic success as well as lifelong success in general.
 - Is a vital and integral part of teaching kids how to read as children learn how to read by being read to.
 - Helps children master language development.
 - Builds listening skills, increases a child's attention span, and develops the ability to concentrate at length, all of which are learned skills.

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