

Welcome to *TEKTOK*  
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*There are two types of people--those who come into a room and say, 'Well, here I am!' and those who come in and say, 'Ah, there you are.'*  
– Frederick L Collins

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## Web Sites

Dr. Seuss Day – 2nd Mar each year

*We truly love him in a house.  
We truly love him with a mouse.  
We truly love him here or there.  
We truly love him anywhere.  
We truly love the silly goose.  
We truly love old Dr. Seuss!*

Today is Dr. Seuss Day, a full twenty-four hours to make a mess with the Cat in the Hat, dance around with the Fox in Sox, hear a Who with Horton, count the red and blue fish, help the Grinch see the error of his ways, and listen to Sam I Am's friend complain about his dish of green eggs and ham, the ungrateful hairball!

Theodor Seuss Geisel, commonly known by his pen name Dr. Seuss, was a writer, poet and cartoonist. Though best known as a children's author (he released a whopping forty-six books for tykes), his career also saw him work as an illustrator for advertising campaigns and a political cartoonist during the Second World War. He was also a true perfectionist, known to discard 95% of his material before settling on a theme for a new book, sometimes spending up to a year writing a single story, and preferring payment upon completion, rather than in advance.

March 2nd is a celebration of his life and works, as it was on this day in 1904 that he entered the world. Having lived eighty-seven years and made an incredible impact on numerous generations, he died in 1991 at his home in La Jolla, California. His many bizarre, colourful and zany tales are still cherished by young and old alike, and, having been translated into more than twenty languages, are read all across the world every single day.

If you fancy paying a fitting tribute, we recommend dressing up with a friend as Thing 1 and Thing 2. All you need are blue wigs and red jumpsuits. Oh, and

boundless energy!

### **NEA: Read Across America**

Read Across America honors Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. The National Education Association offers a website filled with ideas and resources to use for celebrating the joy of reading. Teachers can find ideas to inspire reading, and students can find suggestions of reading options from the many book lists.

<http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>

### **PBS: The Political Dr. Seuss**

Behind some of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters are messages of social and political context. Explained here in detail are some examples of these types of works along with a biography.

<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/politicaldrseuss/index.html>

### **Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site: Dr. Seuss**

This "Featured Author," selection speaks more about how and why Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel) wrote his children's books than about his life. Hurst also suggests the Dr. Seuss books can be used to teach older students some literary techniques as well as to teach younger students basic reading skills.

<http://www.carolhurst.com/authors/drseuss.html>

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## **Hardware/Software**

### **Alarm (Watch)**

Ask Siri to wake you in six hours and go to sleep wearing your watch. Sure enough, six hours later it will wake you up by gently tapping you on the wrist until you rise. That's a much smoother awakening than an alarm bell, right?

Bonus tip: Forgotten how to ask Siri? Just press and hold the Digital Crown or say "Hey Siri".

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## **Hints/Tips**

### **macOS Sierra: How to Put Folders First in Finder Lists**

Tucked away inside macOS Sierra is a handy little preference that makes it much easier to find Folders in the Finder window.

Traditionally in macOS/OS X the contents of a window are shown in

alphabetical order with files and folders all mixed up. This has been default behavior for years.

To make sure files or folders appear first in the list most of us have gotten used to inserting a blank space in the file name – but now there is an option in Finder preferences that will let you put folders first in the list.

How to do it:

- In Finder open Finder Preferences in the menu –OR– Press Command and ,
- Click on Advanced
- Look to the last checkbox item on the list. New in macOS Sierra is an option to ‘Keep folders on top when sorting by name’. Check this and folders will appear first in the list. This should help you get to them fast.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

*1 – What is small, red and whispers?*

*2 – Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill?*

*3 – What do you call a Grizzly bear with no teeth?*

1 – A hoarse radish.

2 – To get to the bottom.

3 – A Gummy Bear.

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## This Day in History

### ***Birthdates which occurred on March 3:***

1831 George M Pullman inventor (railway sleeping car)

1920 James Doohan Vancouver British Columbia, actor (Montgomery Scott–Star Trek)

1920 Julius Boros golfer (PGA Champion 1968, US Open 1952, 63)

1921 Allen Ginsberg beat generation poet (1969 Arts & Letters Award)

1928 Dave Dudley singer (Six Days on the Road)

1928 Don Gibson singer/writer (I can't Stop Loving You, Oh Lonesome Me)

1938 Lew De Witt singer (Statler Brothers–Flowers on the Wall)

1958 Miranda Richardson Southport England, actress

1962 Herschel Walker WFL/NFL running back (New Jersey Generals, Dallas Cowboys)

1962 Jackie Joyner–Kersey East St Louis IL, heptathlete (Olympics–gold–88, 92)

### ***On this day...***

1815 US declares war on Algiers for taking US prisoners & demanding tribute  
1817 Mississippi Territory is divided into Alabama Territory & Mississippi  
1820 Missouri Compromise passes, allowing slavery in Missouri  
1835 Congress authorizes a US mint at New Orleans LA  
1837 Congress increases Supreme Court membership from 7 to 9  
1837 US President Andrew Jackson & Congress recognizes Republic of Texas  
1863 Congress authorizes a US mint at Carson City NV  
1863 Idaho Territory forms  
1877 Rutherford B Hayes is sworn in as the 19th President  
1923 Time magazine publishes 1st issue  
1923 US Senate rejects membership in International Court of Justice, The Hague  
1931 "Star Spangled Banner" officially becomes US national anthem  
1933 Mount Rushmore dedicated  
1933 New York NY premiere of "King Kong"  
1934 John Dillinger breaks out of jail using a wooden pistol  
1943 US defeats Japan & wins Battle of Bismark Sea  
1974 George Foreman KO's Ken Norton  
1984 Peter Ueberroth is elected baseball commissioner (Effective Oct 1)  
1985 "Moonlighting" with Cybill Shepard & Bruce Willis, premieres  
1992 President Bush apologizes for raising taxes after pledging not to

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