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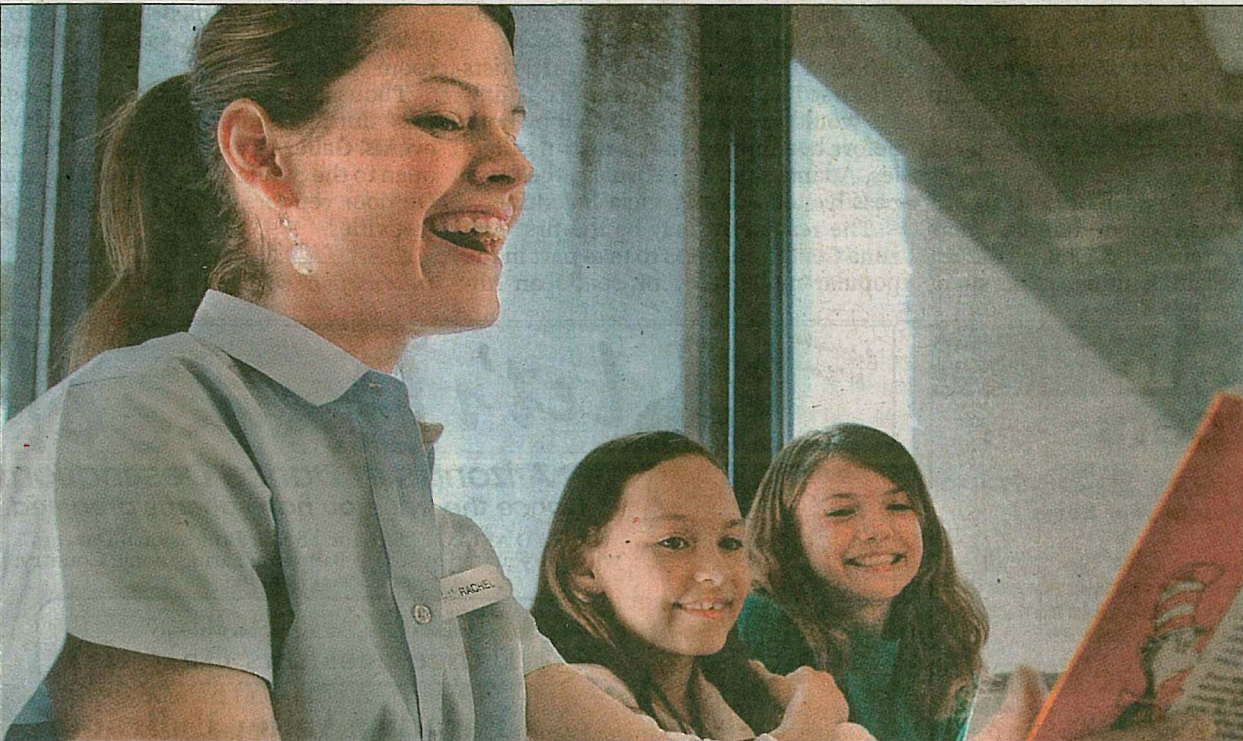
To celebrate Read Across America, the new Paradise Bakery & Café in the Scottsdale 101 center hosted a kid friendly, food-themed activity. General manager Rachel Hartsworm read *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss then invited children to decorate green sugar cookies with tubes of frosting and cups of chocolate candies and sprinkles.

"It's a fun way to allow kids to do art with food in a relaxed atmosphere," said Hartsworm. "It's something that everyone can do and enjoy, no matter their age."

Hartsworm served lemonade and water to a group of children from the Thunderbirds Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale. Youth development supervisor Marisa Lengel-Zigich said the activity tied in with other Read Across America projects the children are doing. The 11 students, in kindergarten to fifth grade, sat around one large round table amused with activity books and crayons until the edible artistry began.

"It's perfect for Dr. Seuss' birthday," said Lengel-Zigich. "I'm so glad they opened here. It's about two minutes from our branch. All our staff comes here for lunch."

Located at 7000 E. Mayo Blvd., a few doors east of Borders, Hartsworm said Paradise Bakery & Café plans to have more family friendly community outreach gatherings.



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General manager Rachel Hartsworm of Paradise Bakery & Café reads *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss as Karizma Caraveo, 8, (center) and Cassidy Lorent, 12, enjoy the story in celebration of Read Across America.