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Children's Medical Daycare

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Mayor Palmer Celebrates National Young Readers Day

HAMILTON, NJ – Mayor Palmer participated as the Celebrity Reader at Mercer County Children's Medical Daycare in Hamilton, New Jersey where the majority of the children reside in Trenton. Research indicates that children should be reading by the third grade to be successful later on in school and in life. Programs such as this lead to early literacy and further prepare children for Kingergarten. As a father of a small child, Mayor Palmer understands the importance of reading to small children. "I have a



daughter and I read to her every night. My job as Mayor is to promote the significance of exposing young children to books." The Mayor read "Barnyard Banter" & "Mama Cat Has Three Kittens" by Denise Fleming. Charles Bunting, Chief Executive Officer, said the children and staff were excited to meet the Mayor. "The children loved imitating Mayor Palmer's animal sounds." Beverlyn Grissom, Vice President, said "The center's program was specifically designed to marry comprehensive healthcare with early childhood education. While the center operates as a medical daycare, preschool programming is one of the cornerstone components of our overall service." The Celebrity Reader program is part of the overall early childhood education curriculum.