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NSA Celebrates Reading and Turns off the TV

Suffolk VA February 19, 2008- It was "Turn off the TV" week nationwide and at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy last week as Lower School students celebrated the importance of reading with an abundance of activities all created to promote family reading.

The week began with The Lower School Godwin Library staff and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsoring an evening of entertainment that began with dinner and door prizes and ended with a performance by Steve Somers of Amazing Productions. Somers, who combines a unique blend of education and entertainment to creatively teach young readers, used magic, music, puppets, the traditional live rabbit, and personal anecdotes to encourage the students to CELEBRATE reading and learning. With each magic trick, Mr. Somers called on students to shout out the magic words, "Read to Achieve!" Everyone in the audience was spellbound when Mr. Somers levitated a table. At the end of his performance, Mr. Somers began a countdown "10, 9, 8..." to turn off the symbolic TV in the NSA cafetorium and at home for the week.

Approximately 100 Lower School families pledged to turn off the television for the week and to read together as a family. While packing his props to leave, Mr. Somers was asked how he levitated the table. He replied, "Read to Achieve! The answer is out there in many books."

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