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First Lady Barbara Richardson Promotes Literacy- Helps Put First 500 New Books on Empty Shelves of New Elementary School Library

Santa Fe – First Lady Barbara Richardson will take part in the national Scholastic Read for 2004 and donate the first 500 new books at the library of the newly built Ramirez Thomas Elementary School, where the shelves are currently holding nothing but dust and a few older books. As part of Scholastic Read for 2004, Gubernatorial First Spouses from around the country are taking time during their day to read a book as part of a global celebration of reading.

Mrs. Richardson will read with fifth grade students at Ramirez Thomas Elementary School in Santa Fe to celebrate the excitement and magic of books for this fifth annual children's read-a-thon. New Mexico's students will join millions of children, parents and teachers from around the world participating in this event.

The First Lady will visit and read to students at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at Ramirez Thomas Elementary on 3200 Calle P'o Ae Pi in Santa Fe.

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