

September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009

## The Very Hungry Caterpillar's 40th Anniversary Celebration!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which was published in 1969. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" as you know is a well-known beloved children's book. This year schools, libraries and bookstores will be hosting events and activities to mark this special occasion. Additional celebrations and activities based on this much-loved book will be held throughout the year in schools and libraries and by readers and friends all around the world. In March, a special edition of the book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Pop-Up Book* featuring Eric Carle's illustrations in a 3-dimensional format, will be available for sale at your local bookstore.

In our classroom we will use this week to focus on the book itself as well as extension activities that teach such as, the 2 phonetic sounds of "C" (as in crocodile - "hard sound") and "C" (as in circle - "soft sound"). We will also work on lessons that describe chronological order or sequence using "The Days of the Week" as our example as in the story. The students will "build" hungry caterpillars of color and number, as well as make mini-books to expand their "C" word vocabulary.

