# Hats Off to Dad!

By Carol Montgomery

Performance Time = about 1 1/2 minutes

Readability = grade 1.4

Cast (2-26):

| Reader #1  | Reader #14 |
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| Reader #2  | Reader #15 |
| Reader #3  | Reader #16 |
| Reader #4  | Reader #17 |
| Reader #5  | Reader #18 |
| Reader #6  | Reader #19 |
| Reader #7  | Reader #20 |
| Reader #8  | Reader #21 |
| Reader #9  | Reader #22 |
| Reader #10 | Reader #23 |
| Reader #11 | Reader #24 |
| Reader #12 | Reader #25 |
| Reader #13 | Reader #26 |
|            |            |

**Note:** "Hats Off to Dad!" can be adapted to choral Readers Theater or two readers simply by having one group (e.g., girls) read the odd numbered lines and having another group (e.g., boys) read the even numbered lines.

# **Suggestions:**

- 1. Please, try to have the students in hats! I suggest the speaker take his/ her hat off when he/she says the line.
- 2. Since it may seem repetitious otherwise, have the readers try to speak their lines with extra special expression and enthusiasm. :) Each reader may bow in a slightly different direction for variety of eye contact. "Thank you" should also be varied. The audience will love a little drama! :)

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**Reader #1:** To the dads who are firefighters...

All: (bow) Thank you!

**Reader #2:** To the dads who are policemen...

All: (bow) Thank you!

**Reader #3:** To the dads who are teachers...

All: (bow) Thank you!

Reader #4: To the dads who are farmers...

All: (bow) Thank you! (farm animal noises?)

Reader #5: To the dads who are business men...

All: (bow) Thank you! Ka-ching!

Reader #6: To the dads in the military...

All: (salute) Thank you!

Reader #7: To the dads who are janitors...

All: (bow) Thank yoooooou!

Reader #8: To the dads who are carpenters...

All: (bow) Thank you!

Reader #9: To the dads who are electricians...

**All:** (bow) **Thank** you!

Reader #10: To the dads who are scientists...

All: (bow) Thank you!

**Reader #11:** To the dads who are doctors...

All: (bow) Thank you!

Reader #12: To the dads who are musicians...

**All:** (bow) (sing-song?) Thank you!

**Reader #13:** To the dads who are writers...

**All:** (bow) Thank you!

**Reader #14:** To the dads who are truckers...

All: (bow) Thank you!

**Reader #15:** To the dads who play sports...

All: (bow) Thank you! Score!

**Reader #16:** To the dads who play games...

All: (bow) Thank you! More!

**Reader #17:** To the dads who cook for us...

All: (bow) Thank you! Yum!

**Reader #18:** To the dads who tell jokes...

All: (bow) Thank you! Fun!

Reader #19: To the dads who drive us...

All: (bow) T-h-a-n-k you!

Reader #20: To the dads who give hugs...

All: (bow) Woo-hoo! Thank you!

Reader #21: To the dads who encourage...

All: (bow) Thank you!

Reader #22: To the dads who listen...

All: (bow) Thank you!

**Reader #23:** To the dads who smile...

All: (bow) Thank you!

**Reader #25:** To the dads who really love us...

All: (bow) Thank you very much!

Reader #26: And to every dad who works hard and cares about his

family...

All: (bow, hats off) Thank you! Hats off to you!

## **Curriculum Links (Valid in 2011):**

## http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s\_Day

Regular Wiki article on the history of Father's Day

### http://www.dltk-holidays.com/dad/

Father's Day activities including cards, crafts, games and puzzles, poems and songs, recipes, worksheets, and other Father's Day links.

### http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/fathers-day/index.html

Unique Father's Day crafts (22). Probably grades K-8

### http://crafts.kaboose.com/fathers-day-card-index.html

Special child-made Father's Day cards (22). K-8.

# http://theapple.monster.com/training/articles/8490-fathers-day-lesson-the-story-of-last-names

"Father's Day Lesson: The Story of Last Names." grades 3-5. Older students could do more research on their own.

### http://www.makingfriends.com/dad\_desk.htm

21 ideas for "Make It for Dad's Office" crafts. Lots of ads.

## http://www.makingfriends.com/dad\_more.htm

35 craft ideas for "More to Make for Dad". Lots of ads.

### http://www.freekidscrafts.com/father%27s day crafts-t101.html

3 pages of craft ideas to make for dad. Lots of ads.

### http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/fathers-day/kids-crafts/

2 pages of craft and card ideas for Father's Day

### http://familycrafts.about.com/od/fathersdaycrafts/tp/Gift Ideas for Dad.htm

7 pages of child-made gift ideas for dads or other men.

#### You Tube:

### http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pr-KBfTOJ4

Father's Day song. Cute. Easy. K-2:33