

Reading Aloud

- Keep books where your child can reach them. For infants or toddlers, provide sturdy board and cloth books that can be chewed on, played with and examined without ripping.
- Think of reading time not as another stressful demand, but as a way to relieve stress. When you get home from work and are tired, take off your shoes, put your feet up, relax and read aloud.
- Don't stop reading to your child when he or she learns to read! A child can understand two to five years above their reading level.
- As a reading variation, play games that require some casual reading such as Monopoly® or Pictionary®.



Resources

The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease

Trelease explores the value of reading aloud, suggests ways of doing so effectively, and gives tips to help every child become a reader.

Reading Magic by Mem Fox

Written in her trademark opinionated and enthusiastic style, Fox inspires parents and other adults to make reading magic.

Read It Aloud! by Monty Haas

An excellent overall guide to reading aloud effectively.

(Note—Read Aloud Nebraska has sponsored all three of the above author/leaders at conferences in Nebraska!)

Helpful resources on the Internet:

www.readaloudnebraska.org

www.memfox.com

www.trelease-on-reading.com

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Read to Me!

Tips for Making Reading Aloud to Your Child Fun and Easy!



Reading Aloud

- Begin reading now, if you haven't already!
- Read together every day. Make it part of your daily routine, perhaps at naptime and bedtime.
- Find a quiet, cozy place to read, preferably not in front of the TV. Hold your child on your lap or have them sit next to you so you can both enjoy your closeness and the book.
- Read favorite books again and again!
- Don't worry about making mistakes. If you make a mistake when reading aloud your child will learn that it's okay for them to do so also.
- Let your child be the leader, choosing which books to read, how long to read and even which pages to read. End the reading when your child loses interest or becomes restless.
- Take your time and don't rush the story. Make it fun by trying out different voices.
- Encourage others to read with your children and to give books for gifts.

Great Books for Reading Aloud

Infants

Tip: Start out with nursery rhymes and songs you know by heart. Combine these rhymes with touch and movement.

Goodnight Moon
by Margaret Wise Brown

My Very First Mother Goose by Iona Opie & Rosemary Wells

Baby Happy Baby Sad by Leslie Patricelli

No No Yes Yes by Leslie Patricelli



Toddlers

Tip: Interact with books. Talk about the illustrations. Make silly noises. Choose books with flaps or interesting textures. Praise efforts to say new words.

Potato Joe by Keith Baker

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle



Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox

Papá and Me by Arthur Dorros

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
by Bill Martin

Let's Eat! / ¡A Comer!
by Pat Mora

Puppies and Piggies
by Cynthia Rylant

Where the Wild Things Are
by Maurice Sendak

Caps for Sale
by Esphyr Slobodkina

A Good Day
by Kevin Henkes

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

K-2nd

Tip: Get your beginning reader involved. You read one line and then your child reads the next. Ask questions while you read like "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why do you think she did that?"

The Cow That Laid an Egg
by Andy Cutbill

Harold and the Purple Crayon
by Crockett Johnson

I'm Bad!
by Kate & Jim McMullan



Pitching in for Eubie by Jerdine Nolen

Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach by Mélanie Watt

3rd-5th

Tip: Read the same books your child reads so that you can discuss them and stay aware of their interests.

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

The Tarantula in My Purse
by Jean Craighead George

Still Just Grace by Charise Mericle Harper



The Land I Lost by Huynh Quang Nhuong

The Girl With 500 Middle Names
by Margaret Peterson Haddix and Janet Hamlin

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen

6th-8th

Tip: Is your child not interested in fiction stories? Try reading some non-fiction books about a topic that interests them.

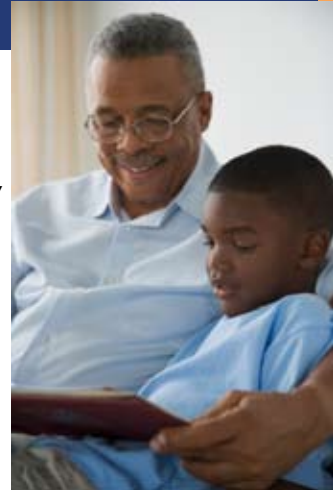
Artemis Fowl
by Eoin Colfer

Together Apart
by Dianne Gray

The Two Princesses of Bamarre
by Gail Carson Levine

The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau

Crash by Jerry Spinelli



Young Adults

Tip: Remember that ALL reading counts. Try reading an article out loud from a magazine or newspaper.

A Long Way From Chicago by Richard Peck

The Last Book in the Universe
by Rodman Philbrick

Inventing Elliot
by Graham Gardner

Peace Like a River
by Leif Enger

Tuesdays With Morrie
by Mitch Albom

Vinyl Cafe Unplugged
by Stuart McLean

