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Reading Connection



Providing parents with reading strategies, resources, and facts to support reading at home

Reading Aloud with Your Child

"**The single most important activity** for building knowledge for their eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children," stressed *Becoming a Nation of Readers*, a 1985 report by the Commission on Reading.

We hear how much everyone is loving reading according to Humphrey with their family at home. Reading aloud is not only beneficial to a child's learning, but also creates a bond between parent and child. Below are just a few of the detailed benefits of reading aloud to your children.

It's Important!

- Reading aloud presents books as sources of pleasant, valuable, and exciting experiences. Children who value books are motivated to read on their own.
- The more adults read aloud to children, the larger their vocabularies will grow and the more they will know about the world and their place in it.
- Reading aloud introduces the language of books, which differs from language heard in daily conversations, on television, and in movies. Book language is more descriptive and uses more formal grammatical structures.
- Reading aloud supports the development of thinking skills as children and adults discuss books, articles, and other texts they read together.

Read aloud as often as possible.

- Reading aloud is important from infancy through the high school years. Families and teachers can create and continue a tradition, introduce and reinforce the pleasures of reading, and, as children get older, set the stage for meaningful conversations about numerous topics.
- Read aloud at a predictable, scheduled time that fits with daily routines at home and school. And read aloud spontaneously-when adults and children are in a mood for a story.



Reading aloud is more than saying words.

- Talk about what you are reading-before, during, and after a read-aloud session.
- Use the text to discuss real-life experiences and issues. Stories and books can be springboards to meaningful discussions about many different topics.
- Make the book come alive. Vary your expressions and tone of voice to fit the plot. Use a different voice for each character. Pause when appropriate to create suspense.
- Read for as long as children can pay attention. Gradually read for longer periods of time as their attention spans grow.
- Read aloud from a variety of genres- fiction, non-fiction, fairy tales, etc.

Reading aloud is fun!!! Have fun together.

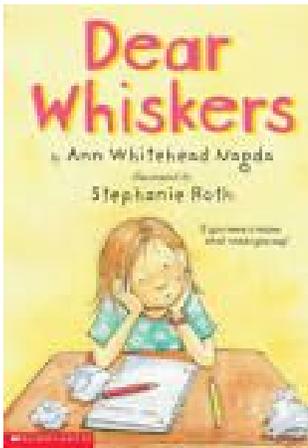
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*Keep reading. It's one of the most marvelous adventures anyone can have.
--Lloyd Alexander*

Book of the Month:

Dear Whiskers

by Ann Whitehead Nagda



If your reader is loving the Humphrey books, check out this chapter book. Students in a second grade class write letters to kindergarteners pretending to be a mouse. Second and third graders will enjoy reading this independently. Mom and Dad, your younger readers will love hearing

you read this fun story to them. What would your mouse name be?

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Check out these great websites! These sites have fun educational games and videos.

www.starfall.com

www.pbskids.org

www.wonderopolis.org

www.abcya.com

www.funschool.com



“There’s an app for that!”

The following are apps available at the Apple App store.

