

Reading Aloud With Your Child



Read Alouds for K-2

Lilly's Plastic Purse: A little mouse named Lilly wanted to share her new purse at school but she gets in trouble for having it out when she shouldn't.
Henkes, K. (1996). *Lilly's Plastic Purse*. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar: The story of a journey from a caterpillar to a butterfly.
Carle, E. (1987). *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. New York, NY: Philomel Books.

The Napping House: Many sleepy people and animals pile into a cozy bed to sleep at night. Read to see what happens when too many people pile in a bed.
Wood, A. (1984). *The Napping House*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt, Inc.

The Recess Queen: This is a story about a girl who bullies her classmates at school. Read to find out what happens to Jean when a new student moves in.
O'Neill, A. (2002). *The Recess Queen*. New York, NY: Scholastic Inc.

Corduroy: This story is about a little bear that loses his button and tries to find it. Read to find out what happens when he makes a new friend.
Freeman, D. (1976). *Corduroy*. New York, NY: Puffin Books.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day: This is a story about a boy named Alexander who is having a bad day. Read to find out if Alexander's day gets better.
Viorst, J. (1972). *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. New York, NY: Atheneum Books.

Make Way For Ducklings: In this story Mrs. Mallard wants to find a place for she and her ducklings to live. Read to find out how Mrs. Mallard gets them across the busy street.
McCloskey, R. (1969). *Make Way For Ducklings*. New York, NY: The Viking Press.

Stellaluna: Stellaluna is a baby bat that gets separated from her mother. Read to find out what happens when she is raised by a family of birds.
Cannon, J. (1993). *Stellaluna*. New York, NY: Harcourt Inc.

Charlotte's Web: This is a story of a little girl named Fern and her adventures with her pig Wilber.
White, E.B. (1980). *Charlotte's Web*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.

What Is A Read Aloud?

A read aloud is when someone reads a text aloud to another. Often times this is when a parent reads a book to a child. This is when students are exposed to what good reading sounds like.

- One way to do this is to read a book or other text to a child and talk about what is going on as you read.
- A second way to do a read aloud is to read a few chapters or pages and talk about the big ideas.

Tips to successful Read-Alouds

- Select a book. Choose a book your child is interested in.
- Try a nonfiction book or poetry.
- Choose text that is challenging and read it together.
- Try something new or different.
- Check out your local library or school library.
- Find a time when you can do it – anywhere from 5-20 min is great. Try bedtime.
- Find a comfortable and quiet space.
- Read the book and talk with your child about the book as you are reading. It's okay for your child to interrupt and share ideas.