Rock The Read Aloud
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Zoom Logistics

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“The act of reading together secures people to one another, creating order and connection, as if we were quilt squares tacked together with threads made of stories. That's not just another metaphor, as a team of neuroscientists at Princeton has discovered. Even as reader and listener are enjoying their bouquet of neurochemicals … their brain activity is synchronizing, creating literal order and connection in a process known as neural coupling.”

– Meghan Cox Gurdon, The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction
Supporting Vocabulary Learning:

- The rate of vocabulary learning that is necessary to “keep up” means that students should:
  - Read
  - Be read to
  - Be talked to often
The Importance of Reading Aloud

- Reading aloud is the foundation for literacy development.
- It is the single most important activity for reading success.
- It provides children with a demonstration of phrased, fluent reading.
- It reveals the rewards of reading and develops the listener’s interest in books and desire to be a reader.
7 Important Benefits of Reading Aloud

- Develops stronger vocabulary. Children acquire language primarily through listening.
- Builds connections between the spoken and written word.
- Provides enjoyment.
- Increases attention span.
- Strengthens cognition.
- Provides a safe way of exploring strong emotions.
- Promotes bonding.
The Reading League: Advice on Recording Read Alouds

“Maximizing Language Comprehension and Vocabulary During A Read Aloud”

- [https://vimeo.com/400609929](https://vimeo.com/400609929)
What To Do:

- Talk about the book before you read it.
- While reading, stop and ask open-ended questions such as:
  - What do you think will happen next?
  - Why do you think the character did that?
  - What do you think is happening in the picture and does it match the words?
  - Has anything like this ever happened to you?
More Tips:

- Read with enthusiasm and enjoyment!

- If the child can read a little bit or a lot: take turns reading.

- After you’ve finished, talk about the book and whether it reminds the child of other books you’ve read together. Favorite page or part?

- Read to older children too! Chapter books can be exciting - a chapter a day!
FREE ONLINE RESOURCES!

- **Audible**- now offering free children’s books-[https://stories.audible.com/start-listen](https://stories.audible.com/start-listen)
- **StorylineOnline**- [https://www.storylineonline.net/](https://www.storylineonline.net/)
- **Pinna (screen free/ad free)**- [https://pinna.fm/](https://pinna.fm/)
- **Indianapolis Public Library**-[https://www.indypl.org/blog/for-parents/free-video-read-alouds](https://www.indypl.org/blog/for-parents/free-video-read-alouds)
- **StoryNory**- [https://www.storynory.com/](https://www.storynory.com/)
- [www.weareteachers.com/](http://www.weareteachers.com/)
MORE FREE ONLINE RESOURCES!

- **Brightly Storytime** - online books and assignments - [https://www.readbrightly.com/](https://www.readbrightly.com/)

- **Comprehensive list of educational companies providing free resources at this time (not just literacy related)** - [http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/?fbclid=IwAR1sHhWiwimEGRTaY5uyA2eOPVseMI1sgB7vY2v1nrqaAmZnUnqrCoFeXCo](http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/?fbclid=IwAR1sHhWiwimEGRTaY5uyA2eOPVseMI1sgB7vY2v1nrqaAmZnUnqrCoFeXCo)


- [https://mdek12.org/OAE/OEER/ResourceParents?fbclid=IwAR3ePhT3v6nnyLDdqv_eampO64mmnrI1_BrtKerB0zr8ccviVtfmK4o9MGM](https://mdek12.org/OAE/OEER/ResourceParents?fbclid=IwAR3ePhT3v6nnyLDdqv_eampO64mmnrI1_BrtKerB0zr8ccviVtfmK4o9MGM)

- **Actively Learn** (articles with interactive questions/quizzes built in - free for remainder of school year) - [https://read.activelylearn.com](https://read.activelylearn.com)
“Here is a reader, a book, a listener. The sound of the voice exists for a moment and then it vanishes. Like birdsong, it’s gone—it is over. Yet it leaves traces of its passage in the imagination and memory of those who listen. There is incredible power in this fugitive exchange.”

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