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January



What is Choral Reading?

Choral reading is reading aloud in unison a book or story on students' grade level. It builds fluency, self-confidence, and motivation.

Procedure:

1. Choose Material
2. Make sure students understand meaning of story (narrator; setting; theme; new vocabulary; vague meanings)
3. Teach students: (begin together, speak at same rate, finish at same split second)
4. Read with fluency, expression, accuracy, phrasing, automaticity)
5. Make it fun.

Benefits of Choral Reading:

1. Can be used with any grade level
2. Fluent readers provide support for less fluent readers
3. Less fluent readers achieve success because of support
4. Less fluent readers participant without embarrassment

<https://blog.shurley.com/blog/2019/6/25/literary-techniques-what-is-choral-reading>

<https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/300839952.pdf>



January Activities

January-Mindset:
"The Time is Now"

Jan. 6 — Report cards sent home

Jan. 12 — CHAMPS begins for 5th graders

Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King Day-School Holiday

Jan. 21 — Appling County Spelling Bee



How Does Reading Aloud Help a Child's Comprehension?

Reading aloud to or chorally with students is an excellent way of developing and increasing their comprehension of written text. Below are a few of the ways you can help your child using these methods at home.

- Discussions during story reading helps listener understand text/build opinions/draw conclusions
- Adult reader models fluency using expression/intonation/phrasing.
- Adult allows discussions so listener understands meanings, connects ideas to real life, uses prior life experiences to comprehend, asks about unfamiliar words.
- Listeners learn how to listen through slowing life's pace down in order to focus on that moment, intensifying the reading experience.
- Listeners hear different points of view/learn about different places and cultures.
- Oral reading helps listeners connect to previously read books/develops interest in independent reading
- Choral Reading increases student fluency (words read per minute) which increases ability to comprehend text

[file:///C:/Users/teressa.kimbrell/Downloads/What are the Benefits of Reading Aloud.pdf](file:///C:/Users/teressa.kimbrell/Downloads/What%20are%20the%20Benefits%20of%20Reading%20Aloud.pdf)

<http://www.1donline.org/article/343/>

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ800965.pdf>



QUOTES FOR KIDS

"Right now is the best time to create your tomorrow."

Ken Poirot