

## **THE POWER OF READING ALOUD**

THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY  
FOR BUILDING THE KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED  
FOR EVENTUAL SUCCESS IN READING IS  
**READING ALOUD TO CHILDREN.**

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Reading experts agree that Reading Aloud to children is a wonderful literacy experience. All children love to be read to...from infancy to high school. It should be a common practice in every classroom, every day.

Here are some reasons why Reading Aloud is so important:

1. Reading Aloud...allows the teacher to model expert fluent reading of a text
2. Reading Aloud...improves comprehension when students are engaged in the story
3. Reading Aloud...helps students develop good listening habits
4. Reading Aloud...exposes students to texts that they can't decode for themselves
5. Reading Aloud...provides memorable experiences with wonderful books
6. Reading Aloud...introduces difficult topics to begin conversations
7. Reading Aloud...is a way to introduce different genres
8. Reading Aloud...helps to build vocabulary
9. Reading Aloud...can inspire a lifelong love of reading
10. Reading Aloud...presents a teacher with an opportunity to select texts that are culturally relevant to students' languages, cultures, background experiences and interests

Sources: ILA "Power of Reading Aloud to your Students"; ascd "The Hidden Power of Read Alouds by Brittany Brooks; [www.commonensemedia.org/10](http://www.commonensemedia.org/10) reasons you should read aloud to big kids too