

READING NOOK

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Dear Parents,

One of the most important things parents can do with their children at home is reading aloud a good book. Reading aloud exposes children to rich language and diverse content and prepares their minds to succeed in school. It introduces vocabulary, provides a model of fluent reading, and helps children recognize what reading for pleasure is. Reading aloud also encourages conversations between parent and child and enriches family ties. Children of any age can benefit from hearing a read aloud of a wonderful book. Make reading aloud a part of your daily routine. It is an important activity for reading success! As always, thank you for supporting your child in helping them become better readers.

Best,
Mrs. Lomaga
& Ms. Perez

How To Get The Most Out Of A Shared Reading

Encourage your child to appreciate the pictures and also guide their attention to the print in a book by focusing on the following:

- **The meaning of the print** – this includes pointing out specific words within a book and drawing the child's attention to the print. For example, "Here are the penguin's words. He says, thank you!"
- **The organization of the book and print** – this includes understanding the way pages are read, the role of the author, and print direction. For example, "I am going to read this page first and then this page here next." Or "This is the top of the page. This is where I begin reading."
- **The letters** – this includes helping your child know that letters come in uppercase and lowercase, and helping your child learn the names of each letter. For example, "This M in the red block is an uppercase letter. See how this uppercase letter is bigger than these lowercase letters?"
- **The words** – this includes helping your child recognize some written words, and the match between spoken words and written words. For example, "Let's point to each word as I read it. Ready?"

Read Aloud Books to Try:

Family Traditions (All Ages)

Chicken Sundae by Patricia Pollaco
Dumpling Soup by Jama Kim Rattigan
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

Friendships (All Ages)

Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes
Matthew and Tilly by Rebecca C. Jones
Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber

Humorous (All Ages)

Lemonade in Winter
by Emily Jenkins and G. Brian Karas
Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday
by Judith Viorst



We would like to thank all the parents who attended our 1st Literature Circle Parent Workshop on January 23rd.

Our next workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 27th from 2:30-3:30 PM. in Room 208. Please complete the attached flyer and return it to your child's teacher.