

*Read
Aloud
Virginia*

Einstein, our mascot, is a smart bird who reads a lot. He was named after Albert Einstein who once said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." Reading aloud feeds the imagination and fosters creativity.

*The most important
20 minutes of your day are
reading aloud to your child.*

*You Want To Be The Best Parent. Reading
Aloud Can Help You Because . . .*

- Reading aloud is a mutually enjoyable activity that is free and fun for both you and your child.
- Reading aloud creates closeness and opportunities for sharing and talking with your child.
- Your child's reading success is greatly enhanced when you read aloud.
- With you as a model, your child learns the value of reading and is motivated to become a better reader.
- Listening and vocabulary skills improve when a child is read to regularly.
- The single most important predictor of reading success in school is that a child is read to regularly by a parent.



**In the words of Jim Trelease, nationally
recognized read aloud advocate:**

“The more you read, the better you get at it; the better you get at it, the more you like it; and the more you like it, the more you do it. The more you read, the more you know; and the more you know, the smarter you grow.”

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*Tips for
Reading
Aloud*

- Cultivate the habit of reading aloud by making a commitment—for some families, it may take some time to enjoy fully and feel comfortable with reading aloud.
- Create a special time and place for reading aloud in your home.
- Choose a book that is fun and interesting for both you and your child. If either of you is bored, find another book—there is a book for everyone!
- Be a ham! Read with expression and feeling—try different voices and sounds—make the snake hisssss and the door creeek! Use pacing by reading slower or faster as the story changes.
- Preview your read-aloud book to be sure it has action and emotional impact, so that you and your child can share these experiences together.
- Sit close together and enjoy each other's company.
- Visit the library often and let your child help select books for reading aloud. Ask the youth librarian for suggestions.
- Encourage your child to be involved by talking about the book. Share your feelings with each other during exciting or sad parts.

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