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WHY?



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Why Read Aloud?

The reasons given most often for reading aloud have to do with the intellectual advantages that it gives the child. Reading aloud, however, is advantageous for the child and for the whole family as well. Some of the benefits are listed below.

READING ALOUD STIMULATES EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- It helps the child find meaning in life.
- It increases the child's self-esteem.
- It fosters motivation.
- It stimulates a child's imagination.
- It provides a form of recreation.

READING ALOUD STIMULATES INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

- Vocabulary is increased.
- Attention span is lengthened.
- Comprehension is improved.
- Self-confidence is increased.

READING ALOUD STIMULATES PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Turning pages involves gross and fine motor coordination.
- Looking at pictures improves visual skills.
- Listening sharpens auditory skills.

READING ALOUD IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE

- Family members become role models.
- Time is spent with the child while reading.
- Parents learn about the child's interests.
- The child feels valued by the parents.

Parent Checklist

THINGS I DO TO HELP MY CHILD READ

CHECK EACH TRUE STATEMENT.

- _____ 1. I read to my child frequently.
- _____ 2. I listen to my child share the day's activities.
- _____ 3. I talk with my child about things we hear, see, and do.
- _____ 4. I help my child become independent by giving responsibility.
- _____ 5. I read something every day and my child sees me enjoying reading.
- _____ 6. I monitor my child's TV viewing and programs.
- _____ 7. I praise my child's efforts and accomplishments.
- _____ 8. I provide my child with books and magazines.
- _____ 9. I take my child to the library.
- _____ 10. I initiate word and listening games to encourage attentive listening.
- _____ 11. I show my child that I am interested in school and support the school.
- _____ 12. I encourage good health habits (adequate rest, well balanced diet, etc.)
- _____ 13. I ask my child to tell me stories and describe events.
- _____ 14. I provide my child with experiences (brief trips and excursions).
- _____ 15. I encourage my child's curiosity and enthusiasm.