



10 Great Reasons to read aloud to children

1. Sharing time reading and enjoying books together is how your child develops a **lifelong love of reading**.
2. Reading aloud builds **curiosity** and **motivation** as children learn about new things and want to know more.
3. In children's books, ideas unfold slowly, page-by-page, allowing children to practice patience, make predictions, and **focus their attention**.
4. Children's books contain words children don't often hear in everyday speech. The story and illustrations help make these words easy to **understand**.
5. When children hear books read aloud, they begin to understand that **printed words become spoken words**.
6. Books give children and adults new things to talk about. These conversations help children **build language**.
7. When you take the time to read to a child you let them know that you value books, reading, and **spending time together**.
8. Listening to read-aloud gives children the chance to practice listening, asking, **thinking, and problem-solving** – skills they will need to be successful, lifelong learners.
9. Beautiful children's book illustrations introduce a child to art and **creative expression**.
10. Research shows that reading aloud to a child is the **most important family activity** in raising a reader and supporting future success in school.

