



Read-Aloud Log Instructions

Research supports that people who are read to on a regular basis gain the language and literacy skills required for success in reading more quickly than those who are not read to. Vocabulary, decoding, and comprehension skills improve; and most importantly, reading becomes a pleasurable activity associated with care and love. Older kids and adults who struggle with reading should not dismiss the importance of being read to, even if they've outgrown the "bedtime story" phase. They can reap the benefits just as much!

We hope all kids can enjoy the privilege of being read aloud to. Encourage them to think of the trusted friends, family members, or adults in their lives who can read. Have them commit to reading aloud with one or more of these people as often as possible. If the kid is old enough to read aloud, they can take turns listening and reading aloud.

Every time the kid completes a book or a read-aloud session, they can mark up the log. Have them write the title of the book they read and the number of minutes they read. If they want to, they can also rate the book on a scale of 1 to 5 in the ratings column (1 means they didn't like the book at all; 5 means they loved it). They can mark up the log even if they didn't finish a book. The time spent reading is more important than the number of books finished. Tell kids that reading aloud to pets or even to themselves counts too! Consider offering a small incentive for marking up the log every day during a predetermined time period such as winter break.