

Why is reading aloud so important?

It's an opportunity for modeling.



1. Explore how readers construct meaning from a text.
2. Teach students to slow down and monitor thinking.
3. Demonstrate strategies.
4. Share examples and dive deeper.

It makes complex ideas more accessible.



Students can listen on a higher level than they can read.

It improves vocabulary and comprehension.

1. Hearing the word improves pronunciation.
2. Discussing the context helps build understanding of the word.



It develops a child's social and emotional learning (SEL).

1. Discuss difficult issues through stories.
2. Provide opportunities to practice targeted SEL skills, like increasing empathy.

It sparks curiosity.

Help students discover new worlds of information by sharing unfamiliar ideas in read-alouds.



The most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.¹

¹ R. Anderson, E. Hiebert, A. Wilkinson
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US Department of Education, Washington, DC (1985)
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