



# How To Raise A Reader

Reading Aloud



This is a great way  
to spend quality  
time with your child.



“Shared words have power, an energy that you can’t get from TV, radio, or online.”

Jessica Lahey





“Reading aloud to older children---even up to age 14, who can comfortably read to themselves---have benefits both academic and emotional.”

Jim Trelease



“The first reason to read aloud to older kids is to consider the fact that a child’s reading level doesn’t catch up to his listening level until about the eighth grade...You have to hear it before you can speak it, and you have to speak it before you can read it”

Jim Trelease



## “Broadening the menu”

-Kids associate reading with work. Let them know there are great things to read and even more as they progress.

(Read something over their level and let them read along silently with you)





Often reading together will open up conversations that may be difficult because they can project onto the characters.

# Thirty DO's to remember when reading aloud -Jim Trelease

- See trifold handout
- Start reading when they are young
- Read often
- Take turns reading with your child
- Vary length and subject, fiction and nonfiction
- Get them involved-author, title, illustrator
- Ask questions based on the cover and throughout the book
- If more than 2 years difference in age, read to them separately



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- Read beforehand to be familiar with text
- Avoid long, descriptive passages when they are young
- Find a suspenseful place to stop in longer books
- Allow them time to get settled
- Make sure they can see the pictures
- Make sure you are comfortable. Avoid bright windows
- Allow time for discussion

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- Practice, practice, practice. It doesn't usually come naturally.
- Use expression, inflection, pace, etc. to make it interesting
- Find a suspenseful place to stop in longer books
- Don't read too fast
- Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension by using props or food mentioned in the book
- Encourage relatives to record, skype, facetime books to your kids
- Allow kids to draw or doodle if they want to.



Find a great book and enjoy!