



Read Aloud America

Building Families of Lifetime Readers

Our Mission: Through the fun of reading and being read to, Read Aloud America promotes literacy, bonds families, and builds communities of lifetime readers.

GOALS

1. To encourage parents/caregivers and teachers to read to children on a regular basis
2. To provide resources to help parents and teachers choose books and read to children
3. To demonstrate the pleasure of reading and its relevance to daily life
4. To nurture a love of reading in parents and awaken a love of reading in children
5. To encourage families to limit television, computer, and video time and *read*

BENEFITS

For the Family

1. provides a family activity that promotes closeness and communication
2. gets parents and children reading more
3. provides book lists and tips for reading together
4. creates lifetime readers, not just school time readers

For the School

1. helps students read better and listen better
2. strengthens the links between school and home
3. actively involves parents in the education process
4. creates good feelings towards the school

For the Community

1. raises the literacy level of adults and children
2. brings families together for a common goal
3. forges bonds among schools, businesses, and community agencies
4. creates informed citizens and a literate work force

RESULTS

Program Objectives	Program Results since 1999	Program Results since 2011
1. 50% parents read to their children at least 3 times a week	60%	
2. 50% parents report spending less time with electronic media	70%	
3. 50% parents report increase in children's voluntary reading time	87%	
4. 50% parents increase their own reading time	76%	
5. 100% families build RAA Family Reading Handbooks	100%	
6. 50% parents report that RAP and reading more to their children led to positive behavior changes in the home		83%
7. 50% students report a more positive attitude toward school	70%	
8. 50% students increase their interest in reading	72%	
9. 50% teachers report improved home to school relationship		79%
10. 50% teachers report positive changes in students' behaviors		75%

- 53% of a school's total student body attends RAP.
- 63% of RAP students receive free or reduced cost lunch.
- 4,867 state library cards issued since RAP library project inception in 2006.
- 36,392 visits to state public libraries since RAP project inception in 2006.

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