



Read Aloud America®

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Family Newsletter - August 2022

Back to School!

Here in Hawaii we return to school in early August. This newsletter features 6 Reasons Why You Should Read Aloud to your children - even during the school months! This month we are also featuring some great books for reading aloud. We also have some fun easy-to-make crafts for back to school.

Every month we update our website to reflect these changing times and the 2022 Reading List is available for your review. Book Lists going back to 2010 are also on the website.

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TO SEE THE
2022
READING LIST**

6 Reasons Why You Should Read Aloud

Reading should bring joy to a child's world. Stories, books, and reading all shape what we think and who we are by the connections we make with the characters, their situations, and the settings in which the stories take place. And reading aloud is the foundation for literacy development. Here are six reasons why reading aloud is so important.

1. Children can listen on a higher language level than they can read. Listening comprehension outpaces their reading comprehension.
2. Reading aloud makes rich and engaging books available to all readers and helps them become better readers.
3. Being exposed to a wide range of stories and books allows children to see themselves as well as other people, cultures, communities, and issues in the books they read.
4. Modeling encourages children to develop the strategies and habits of good readers.
5. Reading aloud builds vocabulary - the number of words children hear as preschoolers actually predicts how many words they can understand and how quickly they learn new words in kindergarten—preschoolers who hear more words tend to have larger vocabularies in kindergarten.
6. Reading aloud promotes social and emotional growth.





Recommended Read Aloud Books for August

PRE-K BOOKS

- *No Go Sleep!*, by Kate Feiffer
- *Ten, Nine, Eight* by Molly Band

KINDER-1ST GRADE BOOKS

- *The Going to Bed Book*, by Sandra Boynton
- *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?*, by Jane Yolen

2ND-3RD GRADE BOOKS

- *Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise*, by Sean Taylor
- *Itsy Mitsy Runs Away*, by Elanna Allen

BOOKS FOR OLDER KIDS

- *The Dark*, by Lemony Snickett
- *Duck In the Fridge*, by Jeff Mack

Snake Pencil Topper

SUPPLIES: Different colored pipe cleaners, googly eyes, hot glue, pencils, other embellishments

DIRECTIONS: Wind the pipe cleaner around the pencil. Hot glue the googly eyes to the pipe cleaner below the eraser. Sharpen your pencil like usual.

You can use any embellishments at the top to make other kinds of pencil toppers. These can be used as a great back-to-school gift for your child's teacher or for birthday party gift bags.

For printed instructions go to: <https://quirkyinspired.com/how-to-make-homemade-pencil-toppers/>



School Bus Craft

SUPPLIES: Yellow, Black & Red Tissue paper scraps, cardboard, White Glue, Scissors, School Bus Template (go to the link below)

DIRECTIONS: Cut the tissue paper into 1" squares - does not have to be perfect. Print the bus template and glue onto piece of cardboard. Print the wheels, windows and stop sign and glue onto template. Spread glue in a section and fill in with wadded up tissue of the corresponding color. It is easiest to start with black and red tissue, then fill in with the yellow.

Go to this link for directions and template: <https://www.thesuburbanmom.com/2014/08/06/easy-back-to-school-bus-kids-craft-upcycled/>

