

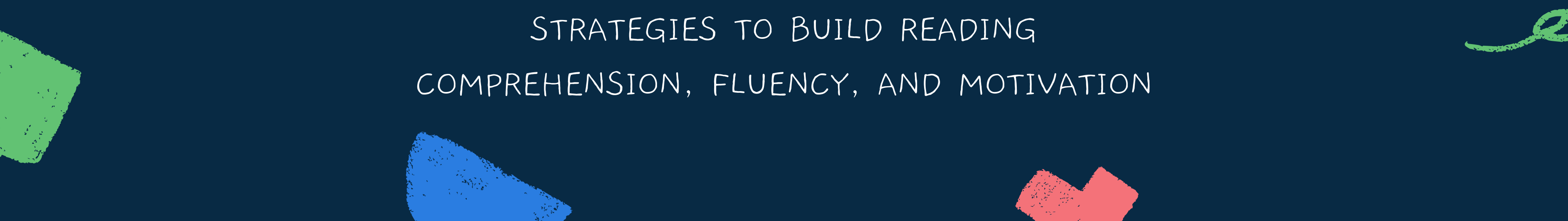


Pacific Charter Institute's Home Education Connection



Making the Most of Reading Aloud with Your Child

STRATEGIES TO BUILD READING
COMPREHENSION, FLUENCY, AND MOTIVATION



It can be more than just story time.



Reading aloud to your child allows you the opportunity to model fluency and thought processes! Talk about not just what happened, but how you read it. Were there any big words you might have had to break down? Discuss each other's opinion of the story. Is there a moral dilemma to talk about? Can you picture a movie in your head (images) that goes with the story? What in the story would each of you change if you were the author?

(Adults can share their answers too, but try to go second!)

Switch it up!

Try having your child read to
YOU before bed!

YOUR CHILD CAN SELECT THE STORY AND ASK
YOU QUESTIONS. THEY WILL HAVE FUN
PLAYING THE TRADITIONAL ADULT ROLE WHILE
IMPROVING THEIR READING FLUENCY AND
MOTIVATION!






Things to Listen for during Student Read ALouds

HELP READERS WHEN THEY STUMBLE BY CUEING THEM WITH QUESTIONS RATHER THAN JUST TELLING THEM THE WORD.

DECODING



Have they chunked together big words by natural sections or syllables? Does part of the word look familiar?

IMAGERY


Ask what they have pictured in their mind so far? We often refer to imagery as seeing a movie in your head as you read. Does this section fit with their imagery? If it doesn't, it is OK to fix the image!

USING CONTEXT

What word makes sense to go here?
Do the words around the tough word help you figure it out?

IS THE TEXT TOO TOUGH?

Use the Rule of 5:
If there are 5 super tough words on the page, pick an easier book!



More than a Story...

Expository: A ten-dollar word that means any text that is not a story.

Text written to explain or describe something (expository) is often viewed as not as fun as reading stories (narratives); however, it is the type of text most often needed in the adult world. It is the type of writing that our children need to be able to evaluate and apply in college, careers, and in daily life! Bring expository reading into read aloud times too! PICK topics that interest your child. What better way to learn new things, build vocabulary, talk about events in the world, and spend quality time together!



Too Old for Read ALouds?

NEVER!

- Just ask a high school teacher what magic can happen in a classroom when they start reading a story aloud to the class!
- Older students can read you the latest news or stories that interest them! A great way to connect with your teen!

Having a Rough Day?

It's OK to have options!

- Have your child read to a pet or their stuffed animals.
- Have them listen to an audio book and tell you about it afterwards or write about it in a journal. Better yet, they can act it out for you over breakfast the next morning!

Taking it to the Next Level

Metacognition: A ten-dollar word that means
"thinking about thinking."
It works magic with learning!

You can apply this strategy in
The Read Aloud Game!





The Read Aloud Game



THE GROWN-UP IS A PLAYER IN THIS GAME TOO!



EACH PLAYER TAKES A TURN READING A PARAGRAPH (OR SECTION) OUT LOUD.

Each player should ideally have a copy of the same article or text, or share side by side!



AFTER READING, THE PLAYERS TAKE TURNS ASKING A QUESTION RELATED TO THE READ SECTION.



PLAYERS RECEIVE 1 POINT FOR ANSWERING THE QUESTION CORRECTLY AND 1 POINT FOR IDENTIFYING THE TYPE OF QUESTION IT WAS.

Review the types of questions as needed from the next screen!



PLAYER WITH THE MOST POINTS WIN!

4 Question Types

for the Read Aloud Game

RIGHT THERE

The answer is directly stated in the text. You can actually point to the answer.

JUST ME (ON MY OWN)

The question is connected to the topic but just your thoughts or opinions

PUT TOGETHER

The answers require information from more than one spot, across paragraphs or sections of the article.

PART ME, PART BOOK

The answer requires some connection with the text read, but also some personal information like an opinion or a memory.



(Informational)

Free Expository Text Resources

HMHFYI.COM

COMMONLIT.ORG


TWEENTRIBUNE.COM

READWORKS.ORG

STUDENTNEWSDAILY.COM

NEWSELA.COM

Don't forget your
child's curriculum
is full of text!



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