



Reading Legacies

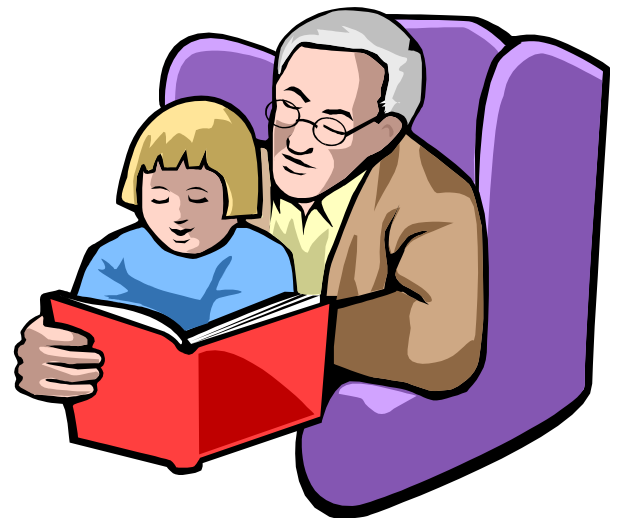
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Why Read Aloud with Children?

- Studies prove that the most important thing adults can do in preparing young children for success in school is to read aloud with them.
- Many doctors believe that a child that has never had the experience of being read to is not a fully healthy child. The American Medical Association has suggested that all doctors prescribe "reading to children".
- Reading aloud with children will provide a solid foundation for their success in all of their educational experiences.
- New discoveries show that reading to children actually stimulates brain growth.

The Many Benefits of Reading Aloud with Children:

- Children's **self-esteem grows** as they experience the security of having a parent or other caring person read aloud with them - especially a parent!
- Children are introduced to new concepts such as **colors, shapes, numbers, and alphabet**, in a fun, age appropriate way.
- Children build **listening skills, vocabulary, memory and language skills**.
- Children develop **imagination and creativity**.
- Children learn **information about the world** around them.
- Children develop **interest in special subjects**.
- Children learn **positive behavior patterns** and social conduct.
- Children learn **positive attitudes** towards themselves and others.



CHILDREN LEARN THE JOY OF READING!

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