WHY READ ALOUD?

WE KNOW WE SHOULD READ ALOUD TO YOUNG KIDS.

But did you know that reading aloud to older kids and teens results in tremendous academic, social, emotional, and relational gains?

In fact, no other activity requiring only a library card and a few minutes of your time comes close.

Reading Aloud…

**DEVELOPS BIG PICTURE PERSPECTIVE & EMPATHY**
Stories invite us to walk a mile in the shoes of another, and increase the reader’s empathetic response to people in their actual lives. Want your kids to grow in empathy and compassion? Read aloud.

**IMPROVES ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE & VOCABULARY**
Reading aloud contributes to dramatically improved test scores, better academic performance, and is the single most important activity for eventual success in reading. Want to help your kids succeed in school? Read aloud.

**MODELS FLUENCY & EXPRESSION**
Hearing grammatically correct, sophisticated language patterns through the ear allows those patterns to be stored in the brain for later use. Want your kids to be excellent communicators? Read aloud.

**BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS**
When we read together, we root for the same character. We hold our breath, cry, or laugh out loud… together. We’re reminded of what we have in common. Feeling at odds with the kids in your life? Read aloud.

**SLOWS DOWN & ENRICHES TIME**
It’s an act of love to read aloud. When we do it, we send a clear message to our kids. We tell them, “You know what matters right now? You. Sharing this experience with you.” Want your kids to feel loved and valued? Read aloud.

NOT SURE WHAT TO READ?

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