



READ-ALOUD *Revival*

KIDS' READ-ALOUD CHALLENGE

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WELCOME TO THE READ-ALOUD CHALLENGE!

The Read-Aloud Challenge is a simple and effective way to kick off a great reading year. During the challenge, kids commit to reading aloud for at least 10 minutes on as many days as possible throughout the month.

We already know that reading aloud to our kids offers a wide range of academic, social, and emotional benefits.

When our kids become fluent at reading aloud themselves, though, those benefits are compounded. They gain fluency and skill in reading independently, and they become more confident in the skills of elocution.

The ability to read a text correctly, using appropriate pacing, expression, and intonation, is a learned skill— we get better at it with practice.

It also (and perhaps more importantly) helps our kids enjoy reading more. We enjoy what we're good at, after all, and it's worthwhile to help our kids learn the skill of reading aloud.

And you know what? Reading aloud is an act of love. I can't think of a better way to encourage our kids to love one another for a few minutes a day while also being immersed in the rich world of story.

Your kids are in for a good time. Let's get started!

xo,



Sarah Mackenzie



**I've recorded a quick
video message for your
kids right here.**

HOW IT WORKS

Remember, this is a challenge for your kids! Help them get set up, and then let them take the reins. (Anyway, you don't really need another thing on your to-do list, do you?)

1 PRINT THE TRACKER

First, print the tracker at the end of this packet for each of your kids. Hang it somewhere your kids will see it often, like on the fridge.

2 CHOOSE A FINAL REWARD

Help your child choose a reward for when he or she reaches 25 days of reading aloud. *Note: These don't need to be consecutive days. (Life happens!)

Reading is its own reward, of course, but sharing a wonderful family experience is another way to celebrate. Once you choose a reward, mark it on your tracker.

Try to choose a 25-day reward that is a gift of your time rather than a material gift. Your time and attention is what your kids want most of all. Promise.

Here are some ideas for rewards:

AT HOME

- Camp out in the living room as a family
- Family game night
- Dessert bar (everyone gets to pick one dessert for a dessert buffet)
- Book party (everyone dresses up as their favorite book character)
- Make a dinner that includes each family member's favorite food
- Movie week (each family member gets to choose a movie and a snack for consecutive movie nights)

OUT AND ABOUT

- Ice skating or roller skating
- Bowling
- Miniature golfing
- A trip to the bookstore to choose a book
- Swimming at a local indoor pool
- Trampoline park
- Pottery painting shop

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SET THEM LOOSE AND CHEER THEM ON

Every day your child reads aloud, he or she gets to mark a day on the tracker.

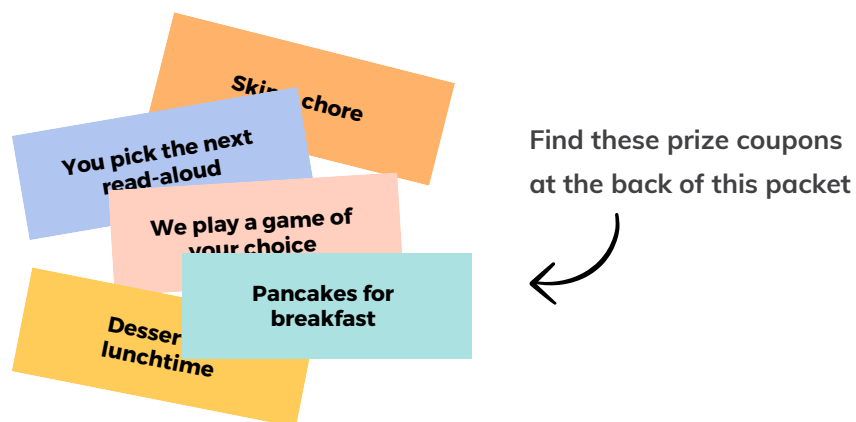
You'll notice that every fifth day is cause for celebration. Small steps count, and this is a great way to teach our kids that bite-sized goals make all the difference.

When your kids get five more days down the path, celebrate by giving them one of the prize coupons from this packet.

Those prize coupons can be printed on regular paper or on card stock.

Use the blank coupons to get creative with your own ideas!

At the end of this packet, you'll find a Certificate of Completion to print for each of your kids.



The challenge reminds us that small steps add up along the path to a bigger goal.

FAQ

WHO CAN MY KIDS READ TO?

Anyone! A parent, sibling, grandparent, neighbor, friend, pet, stuffed animal, doll, LEGO guy . . . anyone at all! They can even read to a family member or friend by video call.

WHICH BOOKS COUNT?

All of them! Picture books, chapter books, novels, comics, graphic novels . . . it all counts.

WHAT IF MY CHILD CAN'T READ YET?

No problem! Encourage your pre-reader to flip through a picture book and tell the story in their own words. Wordless books are a great fit here, because there is no "wrong" way to read them.

[You'll find our favorite wordless books listed here.](#) As with developing readers, it may be helpful for your pre-reader to "read" a book you have read aloud to them many times before.

WHAT CAN I DO IF MY CHILD GETS FRUSTRATED?

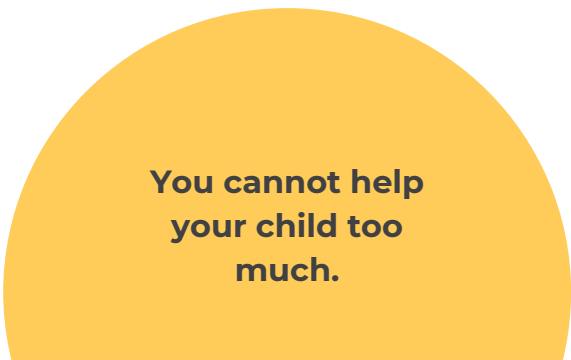
If reading is hard work for your child, do what you can to make this a pleasant, successful experience. Your kids are more likely to fall in love with reading if they associate it with warmth, connection, and joy.

When your child stumbles and needs help with a word, just tell them the word. Don't ask them to "sound it out" (save that for a phonics lesson).

You can take turns reading pages, or even read most of the book to them, encouraging them to read shorter sentences or phrases here and there.

Developing readers will have more success if they read something they have heard read aloud many times, because they are already familiar with the story. They also may prefer to read the same book aloud day after day. That's great!

There are no hard and fast rules here except for this: you cannot help your child too much. Make this about joy and connection, first and foremost.

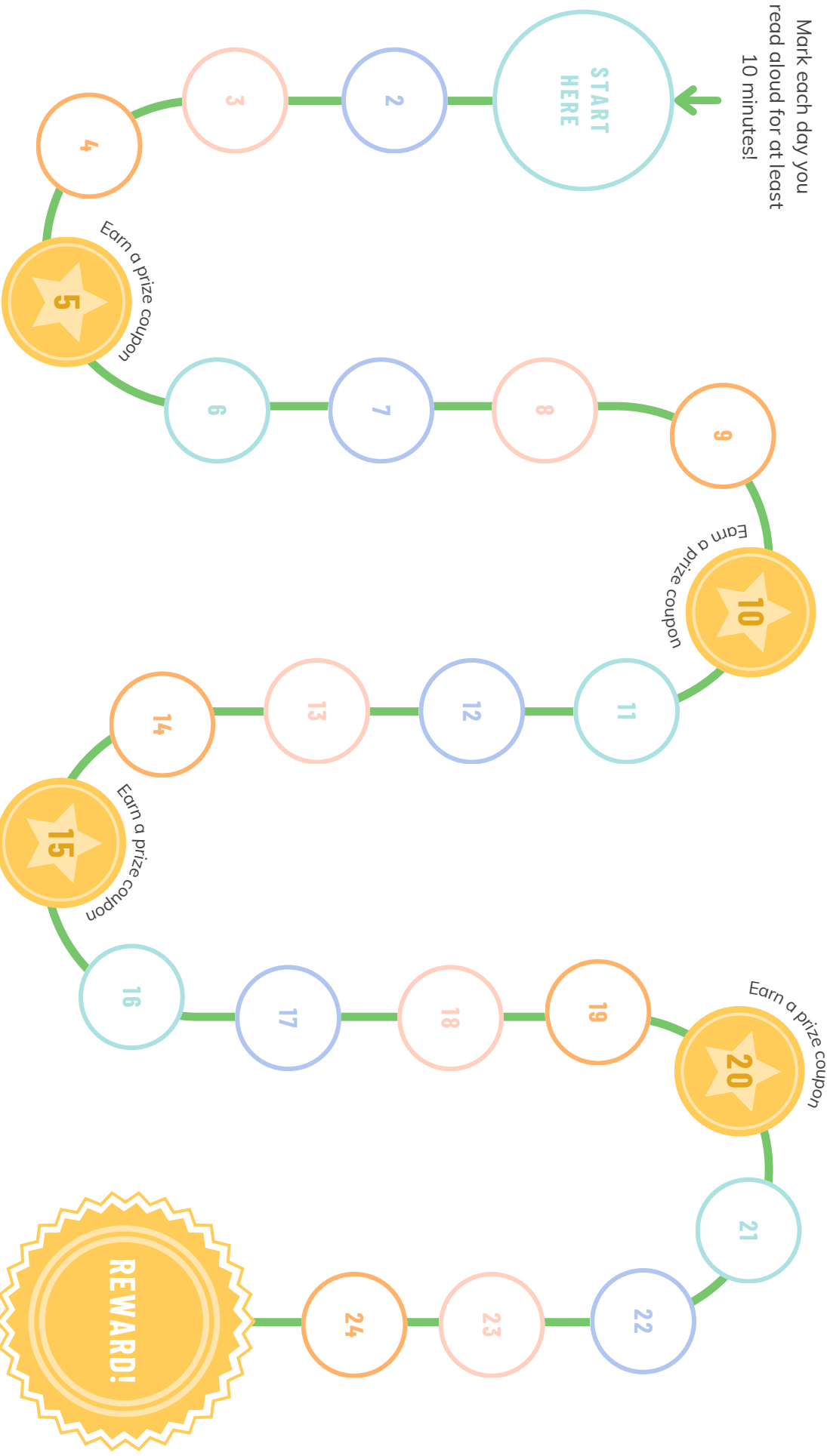


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The READ-ALLOUD Challenge

Name _____

Mark each day you
read aloud for at least
10 minutes!





**Pick a new
book**

**You pick the next
read-aloud**

**You pick
dinner**

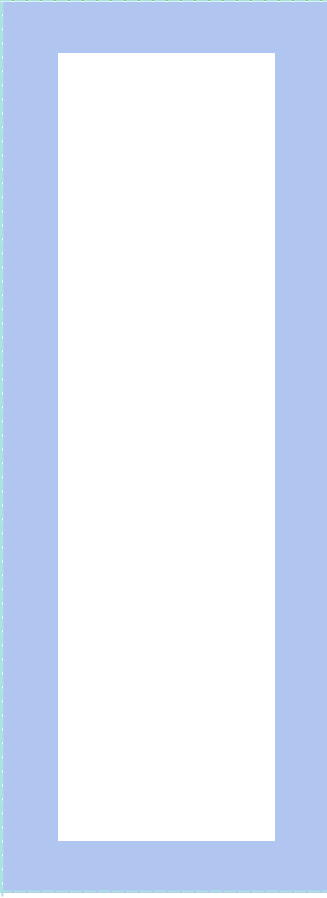
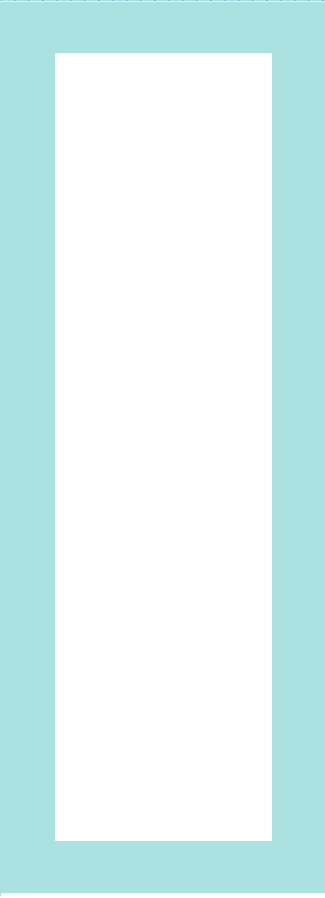
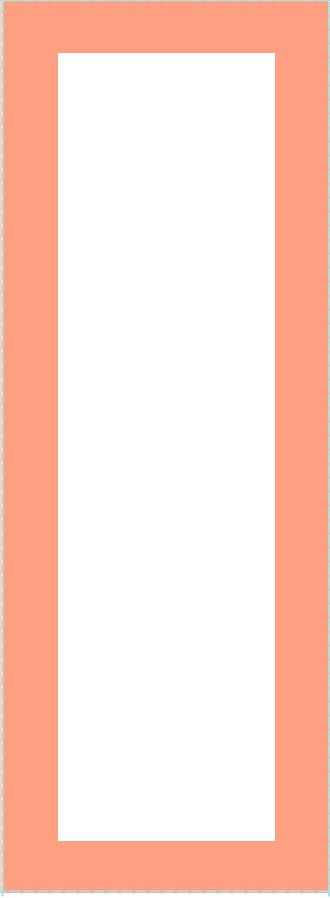
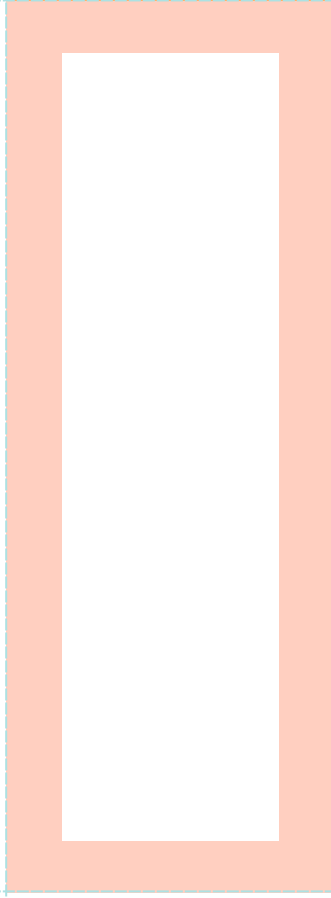
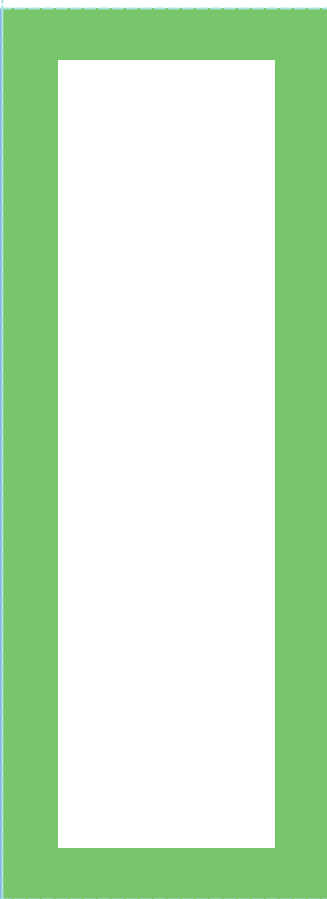
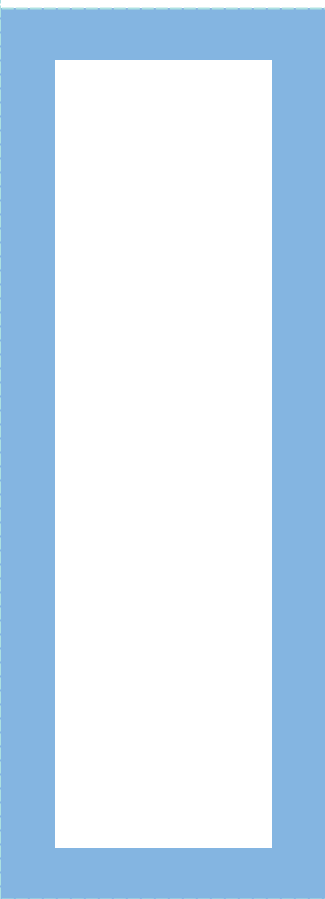
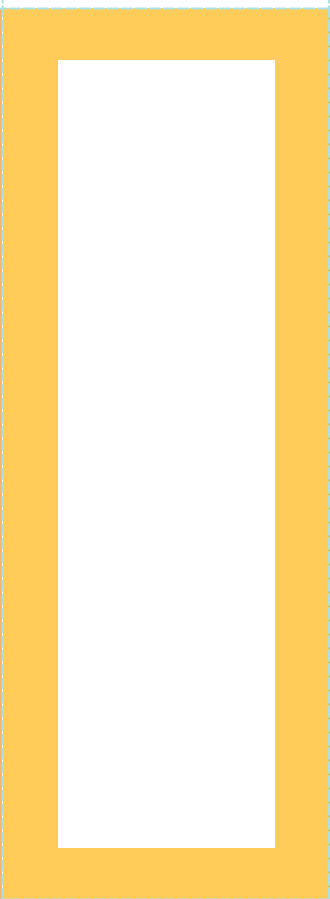
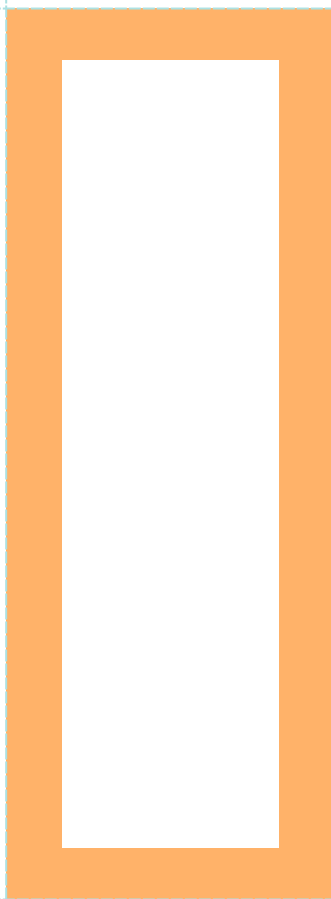
**Pancakes for
breakfast**

**Dessert at
lunchtime**

Late bedtime

Skip a chore

**We play a game of
your choice**





CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Read-Aloud Revival® awards

for successful completion of the Read-Aloud Challenge



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Smel".

Sarah Mackenzie



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