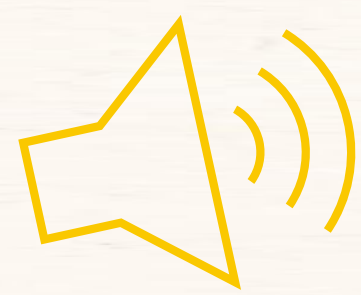


# Say It Louder for the People in the Back

## The Importance of Reading Aloud in Your Pre-K Classroom



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### Introduction

Reading aloud is a crucial part to early development and has several cross curricular benefits.

#### Curricular Connections

- ❖ Listening skills
- ❖ Comprehension
- ❖ Personal Connection
- ❖ Emergent Literacy



Reading aloud targets the skills of audio learners, and encourages them to read.

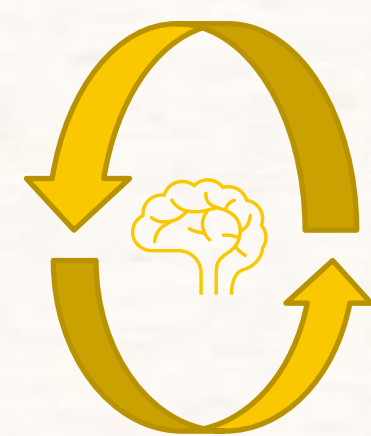
### Connections

#### Reading aloud helps listening skills by:



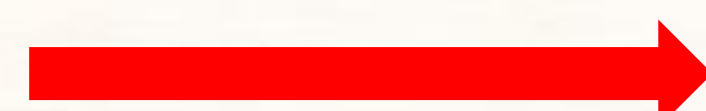
- ❖ Encouraging reflection among students
- ❖ Allowing students to ask questions keeps engagement
- ❖ Learning proper listening

#### Comprehension increases because:



- ❖ Stories can be read multiple times, in different ways
- ❖ Students can understand higher level material when their only task is listening
- ❖ Students are focused on the content

#### References & Resources



#### How students can connect to the material:



- ❖ Hearing stories increases desire to read
- ❖ Relating to characters and situations they hear
- ❖ Comparing with classmates gives new connections

#### Emergent literacy skills

Phonological Awareness

Letter Recognition

Concepts of Print

Language Skills

These four areas are all learned in similar ways, and when reading aloud, helps students understand, engage, and connect with the reading better

### Conclusion

As the research shows, story time with your pre-k class is more important than most people think.

So gather your students, open your book, and say it louder for the people in the back!

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#### A closer look at connecting emergent literacy

- ❖ Phonological awareness is learned by seeing words, hearing them sounded out, and connecting them
- ❖ Letter recognition is learned when the student sees the letters of the words they're hearing, similar to phonological awareness
- ❖ Print concepts are learned by watching how the reader handles the book, turns the pages, reads from left to right
- ❖ Language skills is learned by hearing how interactions work, and hearing how the teacher speaks