

# READ ALOUD: WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

When your child becomes a more independent reader, we often let him or her read on their own and stop reading aloud as often. It's understandable since we want them to practice reading aloud and independently but it's important to remember that reading aloud is important for children of all ages. Even adults enjoy listening to books read aloud on tape. Take turns each night deciding who will read. When you read aloud to your child you are giving them time to sit and think about what they are listening to without the pressure of sounding out words or making sure they are reading smoothly. Listening to books read aloud also allows children to hear new words they may have difficulty reading on their own. If you want your child involved while you read aloud, be sure to track print and tell them you want to see them watching while you read. Don't forget to ask questions before, during and after reading too!

