

SUMMER READING- TIPS FOR READING ALOUD

READING ALOUD CAN BE FUN!	
Make the Time to Read	Make daily reading an important part of your routine. (15 minutes a day can be between TV shows or before bedtime or after a video game).
Punch Vocabulary	Choose a word in each sentence and do something more with it- enunciate it, whisper it, elongate it, emphasize it; this will help capture your child's interest.
Pause	Pausing helps reset attention and can be used to heighten drama or suspense. Be sure to pay attention to punctuation- every comma, period, hyphen and set of parentheses may be intentional pauses.
Slow Down	Slowing down means adjusting the pacing of a sentence or a paragraph. This helps with attention and focus and it heightens the drama and suspense.
Whisper	Whispering heightens the drama and will help your child pay attention and become more focused.
Use Accents and Voices	Borrow from everywhere to mimic voices. Your kids don't care how silly you sound, only that the voices bring the characters to life. Give each character some trait or mannerism to make it easier to distinguish their voices.
Ask Questions	Ask questions together before, during and after reading. This serves multiple purposes: to rehearse characters, plot developments and to explore moral or ethical questions that may arise.
Quiz the Kids!	Kids love to show off their knowledge, having a reason to pay even closer attention makes reading fun!
Permit Another Activity	If kids get distracted, it is ok to let them color or doodle or do some other activity while listening to you read to help them stay focused.

