

Tips for Read-Aloud Success

Successful read-aloud sessions provide opportunities for students to strengthen social, behavioral, and academic skills alongside literacy. Use these tips before, during, and after reading to build engagement, deepen comprehension, and reinforce life skills.

Before Reading

- Allow students to make predictions based on the title, cover, and illustrations.
- Set the purpose for reading by introducing the aligned C.A.R.E.S. standard and skill.
- Review the academic reading standard and aligned literacy skill.
- Introduce the new vocabulary by providing the definition and sharing an example of its usage.

During Reading

- Pause throughout the story to ask comprehension questions and check students' understanding.
- Encourage students to interact with the text and illustrations.
- Invite students to make personal connections with the characters, settings, or conflicts.

After Reading

- Extend the learning through planned and engaging activities related to the read-aloud. See our [Adventure Series Instructional Guide](#) for ready-to-use activities.
- Continue practicing using the new vocabulary throughout your day in various contexts.
- Provide opportunities for students to reflect on the text and the skill through open-ended questioning, devoted reflection time, and/or journaling.

