

# World Read Aloud Day

## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at School

LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) in 2010 because reading aloud is a powerful and transformative act. Every February, classrooms, schools, and school districts all around the world celebrate WRAD in creative and exciting ways. Join the movement with your students and make sure to read aloud on February 1st, 2019!

### Drop Everything and Read Aloud

Designate a time at which everyone in your building drops everything else they are doing to hear a read aloud! Decide upon your read aloud texts in advance and make sure that each teacher in each classroom has a text on hand.

### Host a Read-A-Thon

Designate a corner of your school or classroom as a 'read aloud space'. Make sure there are lots of books available and schedule a variety of readers to take center stage throughout the day. Allow volunteer readers to sign up in the weeks leading up to World Read Aloud Day to create excitement and anticipation!

### Host a Special WRAD Assembly

World Read Aloud Day is a great time for a fun, school-wide event! WRAD assemblies often include fun performances by both children and adults, like story readings or character costume shows!

### Who should read aloud?

#### 1. School Staff and Leadership

Invite members of your entire school community to read aloud on WRAD, from the principal to the custodial staff!

#### 2. Community Leaders and Special Guests

Invite community leaders and parents to join the WRAD celebrations at your school.

#### 3. Kids

Have older kids read to younger kids, younger kids read to older kids, and peers read to each other!

#### 4. Authors

Sites like Skype in the Classroom make it easy to invite published authors to join your WRAD celebrations! Don't forget to reach out to local authors as well!

### What should you read aloud?

#### Subject-specific Texts and Articles

Reading aloud can be both non-fiction and fiction! Reading content specific or scientific articles can be both educational and engaging.

#### Amazing Picture Books

No matter the age, picture books activate our imaginations and relax our brains. Let kids' minds escape the classroom and become immersed in a picture book!

#### Writing done by individuals within your community

WRAD is a great day to showcase the talents of the writers right in your community! Have kids read their own short stories or poems aloud for an audience!



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