



# Read to a Child

## WHY READ ALOUD?



Research shows that reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for eventual success in reading.

When an adult reads aloud to a child, both parties have a joyful and rewarding experience.

Reading aloud to a child regularly is proven to instill a love of reading, improve literacy skills, and enhance a child's self confidence.

# REMOTE READ ALOUD PROGRAM

## WHAT IS THE REMOTE READ ALOUD PROGRAM?

The necessity of social distancing and online learning has enabled Read to a Child to creatively augment its literacy mentoring programs in order to **reach students at home**. Our new **Remote Read Aloud Program** offers children and families nationwide a **quality online read aloud experience**, featuring various notable authors and other inspiring Guest Readers.

The goal of the **Remote Read Aloud Program** is to:

- **Supplement** at-home learning
- **Provide opportunities** for shared family enjoyment of children's literature
- **Inspire families** to establish consistent read aloud practices at home

## HOW IT WORKS

With the support of our sponsors, Read to a Child hosts **high-quality, recorded read aloud sessions**, followed by **child-appropriate discussion**. Among other high-profile facilitators, our Remote Read Aloud **Guest Readers** include:

- **Notable authors**
- **Educators**
- **Celebrities**
- **Professional athletes**

We then **distribute these videos widely** through the Read to a Child network, as well as make them freely available via our website and social media.

## WHO IT SERVES

The Remote Read Aloud Program is ideal for **all elementary-aged students** and their families and caregivers.

[Click here](#) for the inaugural Remote Read Aloud with Nickelodeon head writer and author Jordan Gershowitz



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## READ ALOUD MENTORING PROGRAM



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Read to a Child is a fantastic organization. The volunteers get as much from the experience as the students do...



It means a great deal to me that I can help a child feel more supported in school and in life.

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## ABOUT READ TO A CHILD

### WHO WE ARE

Read to a Child is a **national literacy and mentoring non-profit** with a mission to *foster a love of reading, improve literacy skills, and empower underserved children by inspiring adults to read aloud to them regularly.*

### WHAT WE DO

Read to a Child joins the **power of reading aloud** with the **power of mentoring** to create opportunities for student success in reading and, ultimately, in life.

Our signature program, the **Read Aloud Mentoring Program**, utilizes more than **1,900** community and corporate volunteer reading mentors from more than **150** socially-minded companies and organizations who read **one-on-one** to more than **1,400 underserved elementary school students** in Greater Boston, Detroit, Hartford, Los Angeles and Miami.

### THE IMPACT

Research shows that **79% of 4th graders** from low-income families nationwide are not proficient in reading. **More than 25%** of these students **will not graduate** from high school.

Per the National Center for Educational Statistics, research consistently demonstrates a **strong correlation** between **reading and academic success** at all ages.

**Nine out of ten** Read to a Child students nationwide showed greater **self-confidence**, stronger ability to **articulate their thoughts**, improved **listening comprehension**, a **bigger vocabulary**, and greater **enthusiasm for books and reading**.

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