



Dear Read Aloud Mentoring Program Students and Mentors,

Welcome to Read to a Child's Read Aloud Mentoring Program (RAMP)! We are thrilled and grateful that you will be part of the program this year. RAMP is a weekly program where students and their mentors meet during a scheduled session for reading and discussion. This is going to be a wonderful experience for both of you as you discover the joys of books and reading together.

Remember these points as you begin the Read Aloud Mentoring Program:

- Mentors do the reading, and the students listen closely! And of course, you should work together to find books you both love to read. Teamwork!
- Students, you have some important jobs to do, too, such as discussing the story, asking lots of questions, and looking at all the interesting things in the illustrations!
- Choose whatever topic is the most interesting to you! Do you like cars? How about ballerinas? What is your favorite sport? Read about any of these topics! RAMP reading should be fun and exciting, so if the book you are reading isn't interesting, you can switch to a book you like better. And don't be afraid to try challenging books!
- Your Program Coordinator is always on your team and always ready to help! Students, have questions? Your Program Coordinator can answer them! Mentors, need some extra support? Don't hesitate to reach out before, during, or after your session.
- When your reading session is about to end, use the last few minutes to brainstorm what you might want to read next week.

Today, on your first day of the Read Aloud Mentoring Program, you should spend some time catching up (and for first-time reading pairs, getting to know each other!). Refer to your **First Day Activity Sheet**, filled with prompts for discovering what you have in common and for getting ideas for what you might read together this year. If you discover a book you're interested in reading and want to get started today, feel free to jump right in! There are wonderful adventures and stories waiting to be discovered.

Have fun!

Your Read to a Child Team