



**Read to a Child**

Research shows that **reading aloud to children** is the **single most important activity** for eventual success in reading. And reading is a **key factor for success in life.**



## **Read to a Child**

is a **national literacy and mentoring** non-profit that fosters **a love of reading**, improves **literacy skills**, and **empowers underserved children** by **inspiring adults** to read to them regularly.

Share a **joyful & rewarding experience.**  
Strengthen a child's reading **skills.**  
Watch their **confidence** grow.

"I love the fact that the program is so simple and yet so powerful."

"It's the best part of my week."

"I think reading together means as much to me as it does to my student."

**READ TO A CHILD VOLUNTEERS**

## The Need

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.

## The Program

In our signature **Read Aloud Mentoring Program**, an adult is partnered **one-on-one** with a student at an underserved elementary school for a **weekly read-aloud** experience **during the child's lunch break**.

The relationship typically lasts the **entire school year** and often **extends multiple years** through the end of the child's fourth grade.

*\*2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress*

## The Impact

In recent years, **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**.

**Volunteers** overwhelmingly report that the Read Aloud Mentoring Program is a **convenient, enjoyable, and rewarding** volunteer experience.

### Teachers report:

"They **love their readers** and look forward to their day and ask about it frequently."

"The program helps my students **gain confidence in their reading** and provides them with...the positive attention that many yearn for."



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## Our Commitment to Diversity

Read to a Child is committed to diversity among reading mentors, staff, and board members so as to best reflect the student demographic served.