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How Reading Aloud to Children will Change their Lives Forever
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Words of Wisdom

“As is a tale, so is life, not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters.” Seneca

“What we teach a child to love is more important than what we teach a child to learn.” African Proverb

“I believe reading aloud cures pretty much everything from warts to global warming.” Mem Fox

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away.” Unknown

“Poets if they are genuine must keep repeating, I don’t know. Each poem marks an effort to answer this statement.” (And so do picture books)

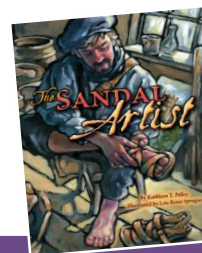
“All shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.” Julian of Norwich

“One tells a story not to educate or indoctrinate, but to illuminate, to enchant the reader or the listener into the world of the story in the hope that when they emerge, they will do so with an enhanced view of the possibilities of their lives.” John Shea, storyteller

“A book too can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe.” Madeleine L’Engle

“All I want to say in books, all I ever wanted to say, is, I LOVE THE WORLD.” E.B. White.

Happiness is...“the evolving of a soul.” Ancient Greek definition



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Tips for Parents

Read aloud to your child every day – 3 stories – one new, one favorite, one familiar.

Read stories and poems that YOU love – if English is not your first language, then read or tell a story in your native language. Share stories about your childhood.

Go to your local library and ask the librarian to help you pick out great read aloud stories for your children – borrow a whole bag of books for the week.

Keep a special stack of books in a special place and bring them out only on very special occasions – Christmas/Thanksgiving/Birthdays/Grandma visiting etc.

Keep a bag of books in your car – take books with you WHEREVER you go – doctor's office, dentist's office, church, sport events – EVERYWHERE. Any time you have to wait, pull out a book and read it!

Learn poems and songs and even some stories by heart – recite and chant them as you do chores about the house – encourage your child to read aloud to you as you make dinner or clear up.

What does your child LOVE – Dinosaurs? Trucks? Fairies? Mermaids? READ books about those – go to library and ask librarian to help you.

Start a book club - Mother/daughter book club or Father/Daughter, Mother/Son

Each family takes turns to host at their house – choose a picture book that you and your child LOVE – a favorite – read it aloud – and discuss with children and parents – see if you can come up with a related activity – food, game or something linked to topic of book.

Other free resources to complement (will NOT replace) your reading to your child:

www.kathleenpelley.com – listen to my free storytelling podcast – journey with story – new story every week

<http://www.nurseryrhymes.org> – treasure trove of nursery rhymes

