

Reading Repeated Books

Repeated Read Alouds with Children

Read It Again Mom . . . Dad . . . Sis. . . Bro!!

WHAT AND WHY: Repeated readings of favorite books are very important for a variety of reasons including:

- Vocabulary development, as children are presented with the same words across multiple re-readings;
- Setting up a rich context for increasingly rich conversations around a familiar text;
- Supporting students in learning concepts about print, such as noticing that parents read the print, not the pictures and that they read left to right; and
- Helping students take 'ownership' of the text across readings as they fill in repeated phrases, read 'parts' etc.

For a quick summary of the research and rationale, read the blogpost 'Read It Again, Please! The Benefits of Repeated Read Alouds.

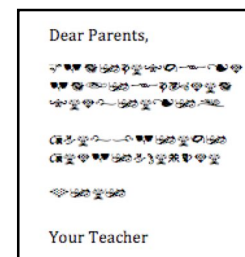
<http://www.cli.org/blog/benefits-of-repeated-read-alouds/>

WHO IS THIS FOR: Repeated readings are crucial for ALL children. However, students with disabilities may not get repeated readings of books as often as their typical peers due to factors such as medical and feeding issues and time for therapy appointments. Other factors that may cause parents to choose wide reading over repeated reading include:

- Parents are concerned about bringing the world to their child through books, so might pick a wide range of books, rather than re-reading books.
- Children who don't have sophisticated verbal skills may not be able to request their favorite books for re-reading.
- Children with limited mobility may not be able to seek out and present favorite stories to be read.

HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

Share the Parent Letter: The April, 2001 tip at AAC Intervention suggests ways to ensure that families do both repeated reading and wide reading with their children.



Mark Favorite Books. One family shared this idea. They bought colored electrical tape at the dollar store and used red tape to mark favorite books for re-reading. That way, everyone - including parents, siblings, grandparents, and babysitters - offered these repeated reading books as one choice during storytime.

