



Interactive Read Aloud Tips

The purpose of an **interactive and instructional read aloud** is to provide opportunities for students to engage with texts through listening and conversation to promote deeper understanding about the meaning of texts.

Planning:

- ❖ Read the selected book
- ❖ Decide 1-2 places (with post-its) to pause: Think Aloud while reading to the student

Before you Read:

- ❖ Talk about the author and illustrator
- ❖ Invite students to discuss what they already know about the topic
- ❖ Make predictions about what will be in the text
- ❖ Build vocabulary

During:

- ❖ Stop to invite quick comments during reading: promote student thinking within, beyond, and about the text.
- ❖ Tricky Vocabulary: Use parallel language. Ex: *That was really difficult, it was really hard.*

After:

- ❖ Have an authentic conversation about the story
- ❖ Check predictions
- ❖ Wonder what will happen next
- ❖ Go back into the story and reread a favorite word, phrase or sentence
- ❖ Go back and talk about a favorite illustration
- ❖ Did this story remind you of a different one?

Have Fun!