

## Read Aloud

**Skills: Basic Book Parts, Directionality, Print Structure, and Text Features**

Reading aloud is an effective way to teach basic concepts about books and print.

Materials: Children's book, pointer (if using big book)

Procedure:

1. Read the book to the whole class or a small group of students.
2. While reading, hold the book so students can see the pages and print.
3. During reading, discuss concepts such as cover, title, author, and illustrator.
4. As you read, use a pointer or your finger to sweep under the words to demonstrate left to right progression and the concepts of words and sentences.
5. Also discuss text structures, such as table of contents, captions, labels, illustrations, etc.
6. Read aloud to students daily and follow this procedure to teach basic book concepts.