



How Can Teachers Celebrate World Read Aloud Day?

March 3rd, 2010 has been established as LitWorld's first World Read Aloud Day to celebrate and encourage the invaluable practice of reading aloud and to bring attention to the importance of literacy across all countries and for all of humanity. Reading aloud brings us together—brings meaning, enhanced understanding, and shared experience to our words and our stories.

World Read Aloud Day provides an opportunity for teachers all over the world to become involved in the movement for global literacy. WRAD will engage teachers and students in schools around the world to create a unified event and a global community of readers and to send a clear message to our world's leaders: Words Change Worlds.

Before March 3rd:

- Initiate a classroom Read-A-Thon as a means of counting down to World Read Aloud Day. Such an event can take many different shapes. For example, you might encourage students to read books with a global theme leading up to WRAD. Alternatively, you might consider setting up a literacy center where children read picture books aloud to themselves using fluency phones.
- Ask classroom families to temporarily donate beloved books they read aloud at home to swap and share with one another.
- Create a read aloud unit comprised of a series of mini-lessons focused on strategies such as building fluency and reading with expression.
- Set a read aloud theme for partner reading groups. Students can read aloud from a variety of literature sources – poems, novels, plays, etc.
- Create a month-long focus on reader's theater as a means of counting down to WRAD.

On March 3rd: Celebrate World Read Aloud Day through School Events

- Invite a local author to read aloud to students at your school.
- Invite a local actor to read aloud to students at your school.
- Coordinate across grade levels and have older students read beloved stories to younger students (i.e., fifth graders read to kindergartners, fourth graders read to first graders, third graders read to second graders).
- Have your school participate in a virtual read aloud with students in another state or perhaps, even a different country.
- Volunteer your class to read aloud to someone who needs to hear a story, at a local hospital or senior citizen center.