

# Reading Aloud Remotely

## Ideas and Tips for Continuing Reading Aloud by Distance



*"Now, more than ever, reading aloud is a critical part of your students' at-home routine - whether it reaches the whole class through video or is shared by each family as schedules allow.*

*Either way, a read-aloud has profound effects on children." (Lester L. Laminack)*

As we reach out to our learners remotely, from our homes to theirs, reading aloud is an ideal way to maintain personal connections and continue to foster their love of stories and reading. They will find comfort and joy in seeing your face or hearing your voice! Included here are tips for reading aloud to your class from your home.

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### CHECK PUBLISHER PERMISSIONS

Links to publisher guidelines on next page.

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### MAKE SURE THE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE

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### PRE-READ THE BOOK

Be sure its a good fit and you have a plan for how your voice will enhance the reading.

Flipgrid

### Record your Read Aloud with Flipgrid

Use the Screen Record feature to record yourself and the book. Learn more at <https://vimeo.com/403538975>



### Apple Clips App

Use photos to easily create a video and add your voice. Send from your phone to Teams, One Drive, or email.

Tutorial at <https://bit.ly/clipstutorial>



### Read a book live during a Teams video Meeting

Tutorial at <https://vimeo.com/402804792>

## How To:

1. **Decide how you will share.** Most likely the platform you are using to connect with your class will allow a video post or live video call.
2. **Live read alouds:** Test your camera and lighting to make sure the children will be able to see the illustrations during any live or streamed reading.
3. **Recorded videos:** Have someone in your home record you reading aloud using your computer, phone or tablet. Alternately, you may create a slideshow with photos from the book in PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, Apple Clips, or another video editing tool. Add your voice reading the story aloud, or use Flipgrid to share your face and voice.



## Where to Find Books to Read Aloud

- 📖 Raid your family's collection
  - 📖 Ask your administrator whether you may borrow books from your school library
  - 📖 Share read aloud videos amongst your staff
  - 📖 Find a digital copy on one of the SD36 Digital Resources to read from an iPad or share your screen (Example: If using Tumblebooks, select the red "Storybooks" tab, "Read Online", "Volume Off", "Manual")
  - 📖 Access your school library's digital books.
- If you cannot access books, authors reading their work may be the next best thing: <https://bit.ly/authorreadaloud>

### THE COPYRIGHT STUFF

Most publishers have temporarily lifted copyright restrictions so teachers and librarians may share books with children during the pandemic. However, here is what you need to know:

- Determine whether the publisher has granted permission: <https://bit.ly/bookpermissions2020> or <https://bit.ly/cdnbookpermissions> (Some request you email the title you are recording)
- **Be sure to post your read aloud where it is private or password protected** (such as FreshGrade, Teams, Vimeo, or YouTube). If you cannot create a password, mark your channel or video as "unlisted".
- Most publishers ask that you state that you are reading with permission of the publisher at the beginning of a recorded video.
- Videos of recorded read alouds must be removed by June 30, 2020

