

# Together We Read

September 21–27, 2025

## Take the Challenge

Reading aloud is one of the most powerful ways to spark curiosity, build connection, and inspire a lifelong love of reading—at any age. We invite families and caregivers to take the **Together We Read** pledge:

**Commit to reading aloud one-on-one with each child in your care for at least 10 minutes every day this week.**

## Why It Matters

Reading aloud fosters emotional connection between readers and listeners—whether at home or in the classroom.

It's also a powerful instructional strategy that supports oral language development, builds background knowledge, strengthens listening comprehension, and creates positive associations with reading.

Even older students benefit from hearing rich, engaging texts read aloud. These shared reading experiences spark **curiosity, conversation, and connection.**

Learn more: [\*\*The Power and Promise of Read-Alouds and Independent Reading\*\*](#)

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**“Read-alouds help learners of all ages grow as readers and thinkers. They promote language and literacy development, strengthen relationships, and foster a love of reading.”**

— *International Literacy Association, 2018*

## Take The Pledge

This Literacy Month, join the movement and take the **Together We Read** pledge:

### I pledge to

- Read aloud with each child in my care—one-on-one—every day this week.

### I'm proud to take the Together We Read pledge!

I commit to reading aloud **minutes** each day this week.

Name:

Date:

**Print your signed pledge and post it where you'll see it every day!**

**Looking for more ways to celebrate Literacy Month?**

Explore free activities, calendars, and resources at [literacyworldwide.org/ild](https://literacyworldwide.org/ild)