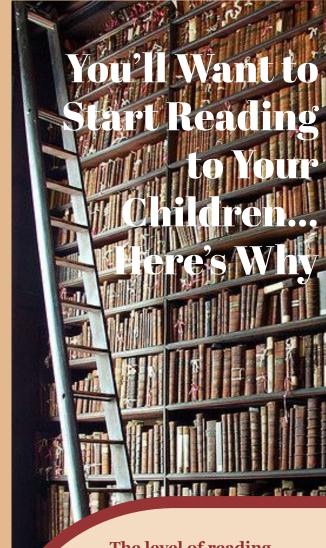
## How to Jump into Reading to Your Kids

- Set aside time each day to read to them. Even 15 minutes a day will help! Add storytime into your bedtime routine or read to them as soon as you get home from work.
  - Recall books you enjoyed as a child. It is likely your own kids will appreciate them, too.
    - Visit your **local library** that way you don't have to worry about buying books. There are plenty of options and it may be an opportunity to meet other readers.
  - Communicate with your child's teacher about what they are reading in class. That way you have a better idea about their level.



# Why Will Reading To My Kids Help?

- A study by *Developmental Science* shows that reading aloud to children daily promotes discipline, builds an individual's authentic imagination, and strengthens comprehension writing skills.
- → Statista.com records that teachers spend less time on average reading aloud in the classroom or giving opportunities to silent read.
- → Children choose to spend their time watching TV or interacting with other digital forms of entertainment. A 2011 OUP Academic study proves this is not effective in their literacy comprehension development.



The level of reading comprehension is drastically decreasing... Students now must pass a new literature comprehension test to move on to their next grade, each year, grades K-12

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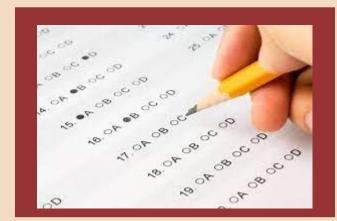
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# What is the purpose of the literature test?



- → The new literature test will ensure each student is adequately prepared for their next school year and all students in the same grade are comprehensively understanding of the curriculum.
- → This test will be administered at the end of every school year, testing comprehension and writing skills.
- → If the minimum score is not met, parents can choose to have their children repeat a grade or move on with the understanding extra reading will be required.

  Students cannot move up if they fail two exams consecutively.



#### **Teachers, Do Your Part**

- Read aloud to your students!
  Group read can even be more fun than one-on-one. Allow students to also pair up or get into small groups and read to each other.
- Meet with parents to discuss each child's reading progress.
- Send book lists home with each student weekly or monthly, depending on grade level.
- Take a visit to the libraryvisiting the school library or
  even taking a field trip to the
  local public library can be an
  exciting way to introduce
  students to new books.