



FRANKLIN READ ALOUD CELEBRATION 2017

This year, two important days dedicated to reading occur just a few weeks apart. Thursday, February 16th is World Read Aloud Day. LitWorld, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the idea that literacy is a human right, sponsors this event as an opportunity to celebrate the power of words and the joy of having a community of readers. More information can be found at the [Lit World website](http://litworld.org).

In addition to this special day, Read Across America, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, will happen on Friday, March 2nd. The National Education Association (NEA) created this event 20 years ago, to celebrate students', parents', and teachers' love of reading. Visit the [NEA's website](http://nea.org) to find out more!

To celebrate these events and highlight the importance of reading aloud to children, each elementary school will host special reading events during these upcoming two weeks. We encourage you too, to set aside special read aloud times at home to share together.

Below you will find resources put together by the elementary school literacy specialists. We hope you find these tips helpful as you find ways to encourage literacy in your homes!

Regards,
Franklin Literacy Specialists

Children's Book Lists



<p>2017 Notable Children's Books Each year a committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) identifies the best of the best in children's books.</p>	<p>http://tinyurl.com/alscbooks</p>
<p>2016 International Reading Association Teachers' Choices Reading List Each April since 1989, the International Reading Association's Teachers' Choices project has identified outstanding trade books, published for children and adolescents, that teachers find exceptional.</p>	<p>http://tinyurl.com/koryxqk</p>
<p>2016 International Reading Association Children's Choices Reading List Each year 12,500 school children from different regions of the United States read newly published children's and young adults' trade books and vote for the ones they like best.</p>	<p>http://tinyurl.com/oc8dfd</p>
<p>Reading Rockets –Themed Booklist Sometimes it just takes one wonderful book to turn a kid into a reader. Tap into what interests your child.</p>	<p>http://tinyurl.com/themebooks</p>
<p>Great Kid Books A site to help parents learn about great books for kids 4-14.</p>	<p>http://greatkidbooks.blogspot.com/</p>
<p>Guys Read This is a web-based literacy program for boys founded by Jon Scieszka. The mission is to help boys become self-motivated, lifelong readers.</p>	<p>http://www.guysread.com/</p>