



Dear Teacher,

Thank you for joining the celebration of National Read-Aloud Month!

The evidence is in, and reading aloud to children builds vocabulary, comprehension, and phonological awareness. Each of these skills is a prerequisite for later success in reading, but of even greater importance is that frequent, pleasurable read-aloud invites children to fall in love with the joy and power of books!

Our theme, **Books are my Super Power** is meant to stretch far beyond the power of super heroes, to all of the ways that books can empower young children to be thinkers and doers.

Children's books are full of strong characters, engaging in powerful things like:

- Kindness and generosity
- Friendship
- Self-confidence
- Determination and persistence
- Creativity

Books provide the ideal way for children to imagine themselves in the character's situation, to think about what they might do, and to "practice" or plan ahead for being kind, generous, or brave when the opportunity arises. These behaviors really are **SUPER POWERS** for children.

The book lists and resources we've included in this Tool Kit, invite you to harness and explore these special powers with children through the joy of shared reading, conversations, and activities.

As a class or as a family, join the challenge and make reading with children a treasured part of your shared daily routine.

Take the pledge and together we will invite every child to believe in the magic words:

Books are my Super Power!

Family Reading Partnership