

EPISODE **115**

Are you Making this Mistake When you Read Aloud With Your Kids?

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In This Episode

There's a really common mistake that A LOT of us make while reading aloud. But you know what? It's actually pretty easy to fix!

So in this week's episode, Sarah share a tip that could change everything - it will not only help your kids understand books better, it also could make you a better reader!

The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

1:48 Building mental pictures

4:04 Vocal expression

6:18 Listen to some examples ...

11:07 A little more slowly

14:12 How pauses help you

16:22 Why do we read so fast?

22:46 Let the kids speak

"When we decide that reading a lot or reading a certain quantity is more important than the richness of the actual read-aloud experience itself we forget that the experience itself is the meaningful part, not getting through the book." - Sarah Mackenzie

Quotes and Questions

* Building mental pictures ...

"Read slowly enough for the child to build mental pictures of what he just heard you read. **Slow down enough for the child to see the pictures in the book without feeling hurried.**" - Jim Trelease

* Create white space

"If you were to pick up a book and the text ran from the edge of the page all the way to the binding on both sides it just feels claustrophobic. **You need a little white space, you need some margins,** you need a little bit of space between those lines so that the font, the text, isn't just butted up right next to each other. **We give our kids that orally when we read aloud slower.**"

* From The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction ...

"I believe that most people read quickly because they want not to read but to have read." - Alan Jacobs

* Take the time ...

"Connections take time. It takes time to connect with people and it takes time to connect with ideas in a meaningful way, so **we need to stop valuing the number of books that we read aloud and instead value the experience.**"

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- [The Read Aloud Handbook](#)
- [The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe](#)
- [The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction](#)
- [Okay For Now](#)

Other links from today's show:

- To get our list of Christmas picture books and more, text BOOKS to 345345 or go to RARBooklist.com

To find more resources to help you build your family culture around books, visit ReadAloudRevival.com.