

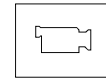
Performing an Engaging Read Aloud

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• Step 1: PLAN

- Read the book for familiarity
- Write questions for discussion using BDA
- Identify storytelling strategies to make the read aloud engaging
- Ensure you can read the book fluently without stumbling over words
- Consider using the following:
 - Props
 - Costume
 - Musical instrument
- Practice – at least 3 times!



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• Step 2: READ WITH EXPRESSION AND ENTHUSIASM

- Speak clearly so all can understand you
- Vary the tone, speed, and volume of your voice
- Emphasize important parts of the story
- Change the tone of your voice with the mood of the story
- Use different voices for different characters
 - **Storytelling V:** Shift where you're facing when different characters speak to help the audience know who is talking



Partner 1

One day, a family of Ants were busy preparing their lunch when a starving Grasshopper, his drum under his arm, came up and humbly begged for a bite to eat.

“What!” cried the Ants in surprise. “Haven’t you stored anything away from the harvest? What in the world were you doing during the growing season?”

Partner 2

“I didn’t have time to store up any food,” complained the Grasshopper. “I was so busy making music that before I knew it the planting season was gone.”

The Ants shrugged their shoulders in disgust. “Making music, were you?” they cried. “Very well; now dance!” And they turned their backs on the Grasshopper and went on with their work.

The Ants & the Grasshopper, Aesop's Fable

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- **Step 3: Ensure all of the children can see each of the pictures** (if reading a book)
- **Step 4: Use non-verbal body language**
 - Facial expressions
 - Gestures
 - Motions/Movement
- **Step 5: Get the audience involved**
 - Ask for predictions
 - Ask for reactions
 - Encourage them to speak repeated phrases
 - Lead actions that support the story



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- **Step 6: Watch the expressions of the children**
 - If the children are not engaged or appear confused, then improve your storytelling strategies
 - Plan better
 - Tell a more developmentally appropriate story
 - Practice storytelling strategies
- **Step 7: HAVE FUN!**