

## Children's Book Read Aloud Project

Objective: This lesson is a culminating project for an 8th Grade reading intervention class. Students will select a children's book to read aloud. They will record themselves reading the book on video and create a Google Slides presentation. Students will be demonstrating mastery of:

- Fluency
- Articulation
- Inflection
- Computer skills

Anticipated Time: 5-8 class periods

### Materials:

- Children's books
- Video camera and mic if needed
- Quiet recording space
- Computers with internet access and video editing capability

### Procedures:

1. Students select a children's book to read aloud. This should be a simple read aloud. Examples of appropriate titles:
  - a. Super Fly Guy
  - b. Skippy John Jones
  - c. Stellaluna
  - d. Red Fish, Blue Fish
2. Students should practice reading their books aloud. Demonstrate to students the difference between reading with and without inflection.
3. Tell students that these presentation will be shared with their buddy classroom of 1st graders.
4. Demonstrate Google Slides to students. Points to remember:
  - a. Google Slides does not allow audio files to be added
  - b. Students can use their video as an audio file by minimizing the size of the video in the corner of the slide and layering their graphics on top
  - c. Transitions can make a presentation fun or awful. Choose transitions that enhance, not detract from the presentation.
5. Demonstrate the video equipment and how to use the mic. Students may do their best taping themselves, or may do better working with a partner to video tape each other.
6. Students may wish to read the entire book in one go, or they may wish to record each page as a separate video.
7. When video are completed, each student will present the video to the class.

8. Students may need access to video editing software to create appropriate chunks of video for each Google Slides page.
9. Students will need several days to complete this activity.

Resources:

- Children's books
- Google Apps for Education
- Computer Lab
- Video cameras
- Document camera or scanner

Rubric: [Children's Book Read Aloud Rubric](#)

Standard:

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.8.5 Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.



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