



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is participating in the **Read Aloud West Virginia Volunteer Reader Program** this year. The goal is to place a volunteer reader in each of our classrooms once a week.

Reading is the foundational skill upon which all knowledge is built. Children who struggle to read cannot thrive academically and are more likely to struggle with basic life skills. They are more likely to drop out of school and less likely to be employed as adults.

The U.S. Department of Education called reading aloud to children, "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."

You can help motivate your child and others to *want* to read!

When books are presented by caring individuals in a fun way, children grow to associate reading with pleasure. By becoming a Read Aloud volunteer, you will serve as a live "commercial" for reading, showing our students that reading is an enjoyable lifetime activity.

The Read Aloud program asks all volunteers to attend a one-time orientation. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the best possible read aloud experience for all involved. As a Read Aloud school, we are eligible for book and magazine distributions and other free resources.

A small time commitment on your part can make a big difference in the lives of our children.

**A Read Aloud orientation will be held on
Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 9:30 am,
Room 622 Wallace Hall, West Virginia State University,
Fairlawn Avenue, Institute, WV
Please RSVP to: 304-345-5212 or mhoyer@readaloudwestvirginia.org**

Thank you,

Insert:

[Read Aloud Coordinator Name]

[School Name]

[Contact number and/or email]