

# READ ALOUD TIPS

*FROM MEM FOX AND OTHERS*

1. **SELECT A BOOK THAT YOU LIKE AND PRACTICE READING IT**
2. **SHOW THE COVER, INTRODUCE THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR**
3. **ENSURE YOUR AUDIENCE SITS CLOSE TO YOU AND CLOSE TO EACH OTHER**
4. **ENJOY YOURSELF! THROW YOURSELF INTO IT SO YOU'RE NEVER BORING!**
5. **WELCOME EVERYONE WITH ROVING EYE-CONTACT ON THE FIRST FEW LINES**
6. **BE EXPRESSIVE AND HAVE FUN, FEEL THE EMOTIONS**
7. **DON'T RUSH, SPEAK SLOWLY AND LOUD ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE TO HEAR**
8. **ENGAGE THE LISTENER THROUGH "REPEAT AFTER ME," GESTURES AND OTHER PHYSICAL MOVEMENT**
9. **ASK QUESTIONS AS YOU READ, "WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN NEXT?"**
10. **MAKE THE PHRASES INTO BEAUTIFUL, LILTING, UP & DOWN MUSIC**
11. **CHANGE VOCALLY: HIGH/LOW; LOUD/SOFT; FAST/SLOW**
12. **SPEAK THE VERBS WITH ANIMATION, EVEN THOUGH THEY LOOK BORING**
13. **FALL IN LOVE WITH THE PAUSE**
14. **SAY GOODBYE TO EVERYONE WITH ROVING EYE-CONTACT ON THE LAST LINE**
15. **SPEAK THE LAST LINE V-E-R-Y SLOWLY**
16. **DON'T SPEAK RIGHT AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED: ALLOW A FEW SECONDS OF TOTAL SILENCE FOR "THE FEATHER TO FALL TO THE FLOOR"**