

# Parent to Parent of Georgia Literacy Training Series



**Why is oral reading important?**

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- Reading aloud helps children get better at reading words correctly, quickly, and with the right expression (fluently).
- When children read fluently, they can focus their attention on understanding what they read rather than trying to figure out how to read the words.
- The more children practice reading out loud with support, the better reader they will become.

Source: <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/rel/Products/Region/southeast/Resource/100679/6>

# What is echo reading?

Echo reading is a strategy to support oral reading practice. An adult or other fluent reader reads a portion of text out loud and then the child reads the same part out loud, “echoing” the stronger reader.



# What are the key aspects of echo reading for parents?

- Choose a book at your child's reading level. The text should not be too challenging as to cause frustration.
- Read a sentence aloud using appropriate expression and pauses.
- Ask your child to mimic you, reading the same sentence and using the same expression and pauses.
- Consistently utilize this practice to enforce good fluency.



<https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/reading-101-guide-parents/your-kindergartener/fluency-activities>

# When echo reading, parents should:

- Make sure that the child looks at the words being read as parents read them.
- Ask the child to point to the words being read to ensure he/she is attending to the words, not just repeating what was read.
- Be positive through the exchange, even if the child struggles.



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