***The Mill Hill School Read Aloud Initiative***

 Parents typically want what is best for their children, and that means providing them with the best tools and experiences to lead them toward a better education and eventual career. To that end, what if we told you that you can give your child something that will set them apart from **81%** of their national peers and provide a significant boost to their educational experience? The answer is as simple as this:

READ ALOUD WITH YOUR CHILDREN EVERY DAY

NO MATTER WHAT THEIR AGE

“The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children… Reading aloud is a practice that should continue **throughout the grades** both in the home and in the classroom.”

-U.S. Department of Education Commission on Reading

Benefits of Parent Read Alouds

1. Helps to develop and foster a pleasure connection with books/reading. “*Come* read” instead of “*go* read.”
2. Stretches your child’s attention span.
3. Enlarged vocabulary - Listening comprehension feeds reading and writing comprehension. Read Aloud books can (and should) be 1 to 2 **grade levels** higher than a child’s independent reading level.
4. Greatly increased fund of knowledge. Background knowledge greatly increases a child’s chances to comprehend varied texts.
5. Develops an additional shared experience bond between you and your child.

*Be on the look-out for more great news about the amazing benefits of Reading Aloud!*

*Go ahead and jump into a book together tonight!*