SUMMER 2020 VIRTUAL GUEST READERS

Here are some guidelines to help you make a successful video:

1. Pick a quiet spot in your home, where your read aloud won't be interrupted by loud noises or people walking past.
2. Use the best video camera you can find. This may be your phone, and that's great! Just be sure to turn it horizontal before you start recording.
3. Make sure your camera is stable. If you're having someone else record you, let them rest their arm on a table or the back of a chair so the picture doesn't wobble.
4. Follow the rules you normally would for a read aloud session – practice reading the book three times beforehand, use voices (if you are comfortable doing so) to make the story engaging, and show pictures to the camera!

Here are some great examples of read alouds you can watch for inspiration!

There are 2 examples here, one where the focus is the storyteller's voice and expressions with some pictures, while the other is a book-focused voice over. Both are excellent for engaging listeners. You could also try a combination of the two!

My Hair by Hannah Lee

https://youtu.be/oNet1W_TMqM

How Crayons Saved the Rainbow by Monica Sweeney

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xwzfjalsw0I

If you use iMovie, there are step by step directions here for how to make an iMovie Read Aloud that focuses on the book with voice over clips and pictures of all of the pages.

Making a Read Aloud Video like a pro for Distance Learning during COVID-19 Crisis using iMovie

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFgZDOEf0A4

Books that Coordinate with Curriculum (this list will grow)

Aurora: A Tale of the Northern Lights by Mindy Dwyer (for the week of July 20th)

Crazy Hair Day by Barney Saltzberg (for the week of July 27th)

Aunt Lucy Went to Buy a Hat by Alice Low (for the week of July 27th)

Important Items:

Save your video here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XN9_cOuBcXjbNywNCPtLbm77cpQH1IQE?usp=sharing

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