

THE LOVE CHALLENGE



A READ ALOUD WEEK

FEBRUARY 14 – 21, 2010

Dear Parents:

Reading aloud is one of the most effective techniques that parents can use to positively impact their children's success in school and in life. Some of the benefits of reading aloud are increased vocabulary, language comprehension, listening skills, creativity, and the imagination.

In addition, reading aloud builds a strong parent-child bond that lasts a lifetime! With the parent as the role model, children will associate reading with pleasure and look forward to learning to read. As they continue to enjoy reading throughout their lives, children will pass on this LOVE to their children by reading aloud to them! The LOVE of reading will spread throughout Virginia!

If nightly 20 MINUTE reading schedules are too hectic, twenty minute sessions spread over the weekend for up to two hours will work fine! Or, you may choose to listen and discuss a book on tape *together*. Either way, you and your child will LOVE reading together!

Thank you for joining in our February READ ALOUD *Love Challenge* WEEK!

Please share your experiences and participation levels from the week with us by contacting: joaniebache@readaloudva.org This will enter you into the contest to have Clifford visit!

YOU can invite **CLIFFORD the BIG RED DOG** to visit your school!

WIN the Love Challenge!

Yours truly,

Joanie Bache

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Attachments:

DIRECTIONS

Win the Read Aloud Virginia

FEBRUARY LOVE CHALLENGE

RAV asks parents and caregivers to . . .

- * Read one story or chapter(s) of a book to your child(ren) every night / or listen to a book on tape with your child every night at home during this week.
- * After listening to the story, the parent and child talk to each other about the story using these four questions
 - 1) What will you always remember about this story or chapter?
 - 2) What new words did you hear and learn from me?
 - 3) What problem did you hear about in the story?
 - 4) How did the story solve the problem or how would you solve it?

At the end of the week, children will turn in their completed (1) pledge sheets and (2) Parent Talk Slips to their teachers.

ONE School will win the LOVE CHALLENGE

A School Visit from ***Clifford, the Big Red Dog!!***

*Enjoy sharing the LOVE of READING ALOUD to a CHILD
THIS WEEK!*

For More Information, Please Contact: joaniebache@readaloudva.org Thanks!



READ ALOUD PLEDGE

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Take the LOVE CHALLENGE!!

Please fill in the pledge below and return it to your child's teacher by _____ (date).
THANKS!

_____ I PLEDGE to read to my child/children from books they LOVE
20 minutes everyday during this week (date) _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

PLEDGE fulfilled (please circle reading days) : S M T W TH F S

Student's Name _____ Age _____

Teacher _____ Grade Level _____

School _____

Address _____ zip _____

School Contact _____

E-mail _____

For information: www.readaloudva.org or joaniebache@readaloudva.org



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Bonus Project

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Take the **LOVE CHALLENGE!**

- OPTION: (1) Draw pictures from BOOKS you LOVE - use color markers*
- (2) Have parents fill in the attached form for TV- CBS*
- (3) Mail Picture with form glued to the back of it to:*

*RAV Pictures for TV
8545 Patterson Avenue, Suite 101
Richmond, VA 23229*

- (4) Tune in to your local CBS station to see your pictures*
- (5) Receive a SPECIAL COUPON if your Picture is shown!*

Student's Name _____

Age ____ *Grade Level* _____ *Boy* ____ *or Girl* ____

Teacher _____

School' Name _____

Address; _____ *zip* _____

(PLEASE glue this form to the back of YOUR picture)

PARENT BOOK TALK SLIP

I read aloud and talked* about the book _____
with my child, _____ (student's name) this week.
Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



**Read Aloud Virginia Story Talk:*

- UNFORGETTABLE? _____
What will you never forget/always remember about this story?
- WORDS? _____
Which new words did you learn?
- PROBLEMS? _____
Was there a problem in the story?
- SOLUTIONS? _____
How was the story's problem solved?

Reading aloud to your child: The most important 20 minutes of your day.

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READ ALOUD to a Child WEEK



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!
YOU took the LOVE CHALLENGE!

(parent)

From **READ ALOUD VIRGINIA**

**You have successfully completed and fulfilled your
pledge to**

READ ALOUD to YOUR CHILD

For 20 minutes a day DURING this WEEK!

READ ALOUD VIRGINIA Representative Joanie Bache

School Representative _____

Date _____