

GUYS READ

Tips For Reading Out Loud

RULE 1: READ THE BLASTED BOOK

Reading it all the way through. Be familiar with the material.

RULE 2: READ IT OUT LOUD

You'll read with more confidence when you know how the words sound.

RULE 3: READ IT THREE TIMES

Three times is the magic number for ingraining the book in your mind.

THE OTHER RULES

- **Give the kids a few minutes to settle in.** It may take a few minutes after you start reading before they get settled with their lunches and engaged in the story.
- **Take your time.** Reading out loud is not natural to lots of people. Relax and don't rush.
- **Don't get flustered. Mistakes happen** and they are not as important to your listeners as what happens next in the story.
- **You don't have to change your voice** for each character.
- **Changing pace, tone, or volume can be effective, too.**
- **Use pauses and silence.** These help build suspense. When it is time is running short, try to **find a suspenseful or exciting ending** point in the story.
- **Have fun!** Be yourself. Enjoy what you are doing – you want your audience to have fun too and they will recognize your fun level.
- **Enjoy this chance to make a lasting difference in these young lives.**