Google Classroom Read Along Wednesday, February 4th, 2026

Celebrate World Read Aloud Day with Google's Read Along

by **Pam Allyn**, literacy advocate & founder of World Read Aloud Day™ (WRAD)

Five ways to celebrate WRAD with Google's Read Along

1. **Start the day with a read aloud from the Read Along collection**
With 1,000+ books in over 11 languages, you'll have no trouble finding the right books for your students. As students read, they can click on a word they need help with to get personalized support from their reading buddy.

2. **Celebrate home languages**
WRAD is celebrated in over 170 countries annually. Use Read Along to find books in your students' home languages and invite them to read these aloud.

3. **Use the insights feature to analyze student progress and create shared goals**
For those of you who have access to Read Along in Google Classroom*, invite students to cocreate their reading futures by setting goals together on WRAD. Use Read Along insights to identify knowledge gaps for individual students and the whole class, then create shared goals. Read Along allows you to easily find books that both meet your students where they are and challenge them to build their skills.

4. **Have a WRAD Read Along celebration at the end of the day**
Learning is more powerful when it's shared. Get together with another class and celebrate WRAD together. And don't forget food! Invite children to cocreate your celebration. Visit litworld.org to download stickers to show that you read aloud today together.

5. **Share a Read Along moment at home with loved ones**
The research is clear: reading aloud facilitates family bonding. Share Read Along with your families and urge them to set aside time to use Read Along together. Whether the read aloud happens on the train or as part of a bedtime routine, any time is a great time to read aloud.

Join us in celebrating!

- Visit the Read Along website to learn more and download the app.
- For Google Classroom* users, learn about the Read Along integration in Classroom.
- Follow @litworldsays and @pamallyn on X (formerly Twitter).
- Share your WRAD celebrations using #worldreadaloudday and #wrad2025.

* Read Along in Classroom is available in the Google Workspace for Education Plus edition and Teaching and Learning add-on.

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World Read Aloud Day

Imagine a world where every child experiences the joy of reading aloud
That's the vision behind World Read Aloud Day (WRAD), born from a second-grader's wish for veryone to experience reading aloud and to share stories every single day. Fifteen years later, this global celebration reminds us of the profound impact reading aloud has on children's reading, writing, speaking development, critical-thinking skills, and emotional connection to learning.[1]

As Pam Allyn, founder of World Read Aloud Day, wisely says, "Reading aloud facilitates family bonding." Join this global movement and experience the magic of shared stories with your students and loved ones. Let's commit to the power of reading aloud, just like that enthusiastic second-grader, and make this the best World Read Aloud Day ever.

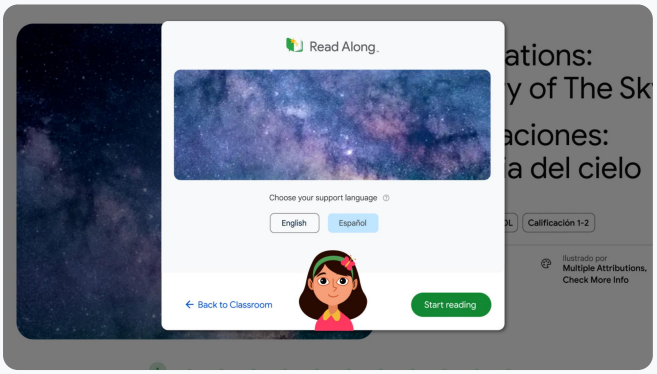
Pam Allyn is the creator, with LitWorld®, of World Read Aloud Day
Pam is a renowned literacy advocate and the author of many books for educators and families, including *Every Child a Super Reader* (Scholastic) and *Tell Your Story* (ASCD). Most recently, Pam is the founder of Dewey, which creates innovative tools for home and schools. For more activities for WRAD, visit litworld.org. Follow @litworldsays and @pamallyn on X and share the hashtags #worldreadaloudday and #wrad2025. Share your pictures and stories from WRAD with us there!

Develop independent readers while igniting a love of reading

Read Along: An AI-powered reading companion from Google

Read Along helps children have fun while they learn to read, and is available as an app for Android or as a web experience (available at no charge).

Educators can access a unique Read Along experience within Google Classroom[2] that has added features like automatic insights for educators and a ready-to-go library of books.



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1. The Benefits of Reading Aloud for Children, Indonesian Journal of English Education, 2021.
2. Available with the Google Workspace for Education Plus edition or Teaching & Learning add-on.