



**Family Literacy Day** takes place this Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family at school, in our community, and at home.

**World Read Aloud Day** takes place on the first Wednesday in February. It has evolved into a global movement of millions of readers, writers, and listeners from communities all across the world coming together to honor **the joy and power of reading and sharing stories**.

### **Plattsville School Level activities:**

Here are a few things happening at school to celebrate Literacy:

1. On Friday, January 27, students will be asked to carry a book with them wherever they are throughout the school day (minus the bathroom). This means, when they move between classes for music or library or gym, they are to all have a book with them. At random times throughout the day, an announcement will sound indicating they are to Drop Everything And Read. D.E.A.R.

Students will read quietly for 2-3 minutes all throughout the day...so Panthers, be ready with your favourite book. Don't be caught without one.

2. Gummy "book" worms will be distributed to every student who exchanges a book throughout the week to encourage literacy. If you do not want your child to partake in eating a gummy worm, please advise your child's homeroom teacher. We are also happy to send the single gummy home in a little baggie if unsure of the ingredients.
3. On Wednesday, Feb 1st, World Read Aloud Day, students are invited to wear comfy clothes (PJs) for a day of reading and listening to a variety of popular authors. Here is a [list of authors](#) that students will have an opportunity to tune into throughout the day. (click on the underlined link).

### **Home Resources to continue learning with family**

Family Literacy Day link and live online activities with Barbara Reid:

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/#:~:text=Family%20Literacy%20Day%20takes%20place,related%20activities%20as%20a%20family.>

World Read Aloud Day: <https://www.litworld.org/learn-more-about-wrad>

### Reading

How to help your child build phonological awareness:

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/building-phonological-awareness-in-your-child>

Whisper reading strategy:

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/whisper-reading-what-it-is-and-how-it-works>

Chunking passages for reading fluency:

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/teacher-tip-a-simple-technique-to-help-your-child-read-fluently>

Reading comprehension:

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/7-tips-to-help-kids-understand-what-they-read>