



*Happy World Read
Aloud Day from
Reading Legacies!*

WORLD READ ALoud DAY

February 1, 2019



Greetings!

World Read Aloud Day may well be our favorite day of the year.

It is because we get to celebrate the meaningful connections made by over 49,500 children, youth and family members through our read aloud programs since 2009.

Today feels particularly meaningful as we remember and celebrate our friend and long-time funding partner, Audrey Geisel (also known as Mrs. Seuss). Her gracious and generous advocacy for the joy of reading, especially for children in need, was unparalleled and we will be forever grateful for her support.

Each quarter we reported our success stories (and challenges) to Audrey, and we think she would be as excited as we are to learn about this fabulous couple who participated in our program and the reading legacy they have created for their family and community.



Meet Carlos and Isabel.

They both served as teen volunteers reading to children in local preschools through our Youth Readers program years ago.

Carlos signed up because he wanted to spend time with Isabel and Isabel encouraged Carlos to improve his English through reading to children.

Today, they are married with four beautiful children and are now educators and leaders in the local San Diego community in which they were raised.

Carlos recently shared, "What Reading Legacies began for me...it was the spark for a new profession. I still clearly remember the little kids' faces, their smiles. Like. WOW! I could become a teacher."

Carlos and Isabel are also fantastic parents who, of course, have children's books strewn throughout their home. Each of their children are readers, and reading is a favorite family past-time that keeps them connected at the end of their busy days.

Reading aloud is the single best predictor of a child's eventual success in reading. It's so fundamentally important for success in education, and at Reading Legacies we place equal importance on the relationship-building that is enhanced through reading aloud together.

At Reading Legacies we know that relationships and legacies like Carlos and Isabel's are what reading aloud with children is really about. We will officially be celebrating World Read Aloud Day tomorrow as we provide our read-aloud workshops for 20 low-income families in collaboration with Head Start.

We encourage you to create or celebrate a reading-relationship by reading aloud with someone today.

Blessings,

Betty

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