



Building success beyond the classroom

# Timely Topics

for parents

## GREAT HOLIDAY READ-ALOUDS!

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Research shows that the number of hours a child has been read aloud to prior to beginning school greatly impacts his or her success in the classroom. Did you know that it is recommended that we read aloud daily to our children through the age of 10? With the holidays just around the corner, why not invest in a new book to share with your family? The choices can be mind boggling, so I have listed my favorite read aloud as well as some from our teachers, the true experts!



***How Murray Saved Christmas***, by Mike Reiss  
Susan Stubley, Central Services

***The Mouse Before Christmas***, by Michael C. Garland  
Sheri Gibson, Hagood Elementary/A.R. Lewis Elementary

***The Polar Express***, by Chris Van Allsburg  
Jama Freeman, Dacusville Elementary  
Laurie Masters, Forest Acres Elementary

***Mrs. Wishy Washy's Christmas***, by Joy Cowley  
Kelly Moncus, Liberty Elementary

***If You Take a Mouse to the Movies***, by Laura Numeroff  
Bonnie Kingsbury, West End Elementary

***The Legend of the Candy Cane***, by Lori Walburgh Vanderbosch  
Amity Buckner, Clemson Elementary

***Snowmen at Christmas***, by Caralyn Buehner  
Jennifer Pruitt, Pickens Elementary

***The Gingerbread Man***, retold by Jim Aylesworth  
Liz Rampy, Crosswell Elementary

***Santa Mouse***, by Michael Brown  
Lisa Cheek, Central Elementary

***An Orange for Frankie***, by Patricia Polacco  
***The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy***, by Jane Thayer  
Liza Byars, Forest Acres Elementary

***Clifford's Christmas***, by Norman Bridwell  
Leshia Jennings, East End Elementary

