



Reading to Children, Book Bonding and Readiness to School

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What is Reading to Children Means.....

Reading to young children is proven to **improve cognitive skills** and help along the process of cognitive development. ... When we begin reading aloud to our child, it essentially provides them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read.



Prevailing Situation in Pakistan



Reading culture has decreased to alarming levels (home & schools)

Learn to Read – Read to Learn has lost in gadgets



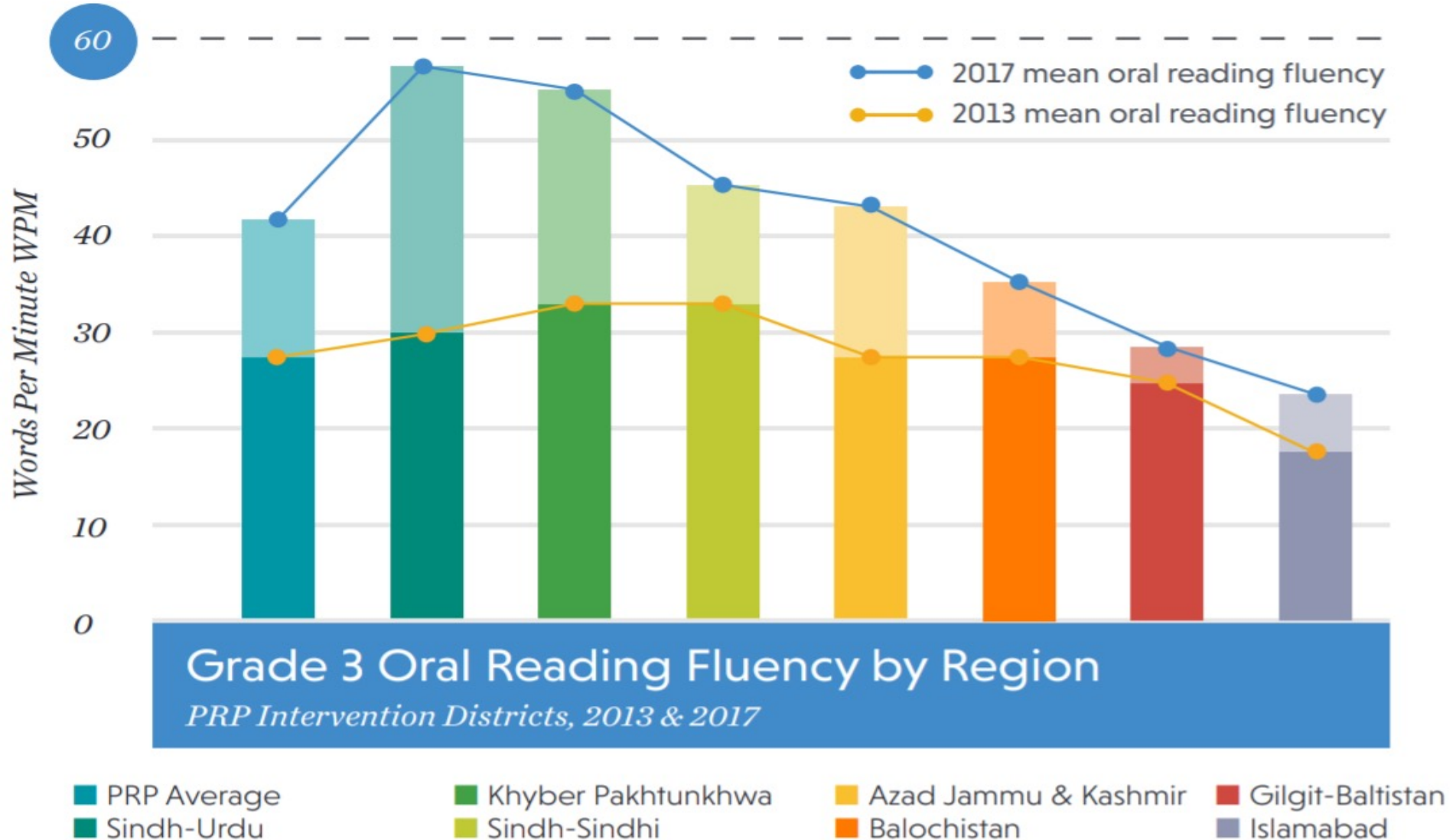
Books are too expensive to buy

Children have no role model

PRP is one of successful program for promoting reading



Pakistan Reading Project



Benefits of Reading to Children

Reading is an essential life skill

- Improve brain functions
- Increases vocabulary
- Improves theory of mind
- Increases knowledge
- Sharpens memory
- Promotes bonding
- Builds connection between the spoken and written words
- Provides enjoyment
- Increase attention span, creativity, curiosity
- Promotes social and emotional development
- Strengthens writing skills



Involvement of Parents

Parents are the first learning institution for their children. Therefore parents, extended family members and teachers ensure reading to children on daily basis.

- Incorporate books and reading into daily routines, like a part of a child's bedtime ritual.
- Remember that very young children may not have the attention span to sit through long books; reading a book partially is still helpful.
- Use all forms of verbal expression to read to children, including reading, singing, and conversing about the content of books.



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- Connect the stories found in books to the child's life (i.e., personalize them).
- Keep children engaged in reading by asking them questions along the way, or letting them tell stories.
- Keep in mind that what young children like in books is different than what older children like; for example, books with bright colors, large print, and lots of novelty are more appealing to young children.



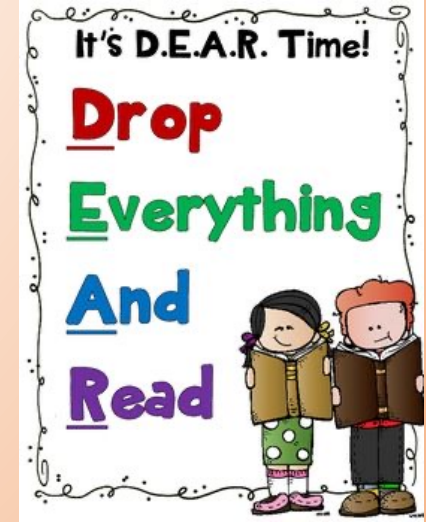
Book Bonding

- Book bonding is the connection between the reader/listener and the book.
- The parent-child bond is an essential foundation for the developing child who finds security and confidence in his/her parents' love.
- Reading for and with children gives parents the opportunity to establish a strong and nurturing bond. The time spent together also fosters one-on-one communication between parent and child.



Strategies to Foster Book Bonding

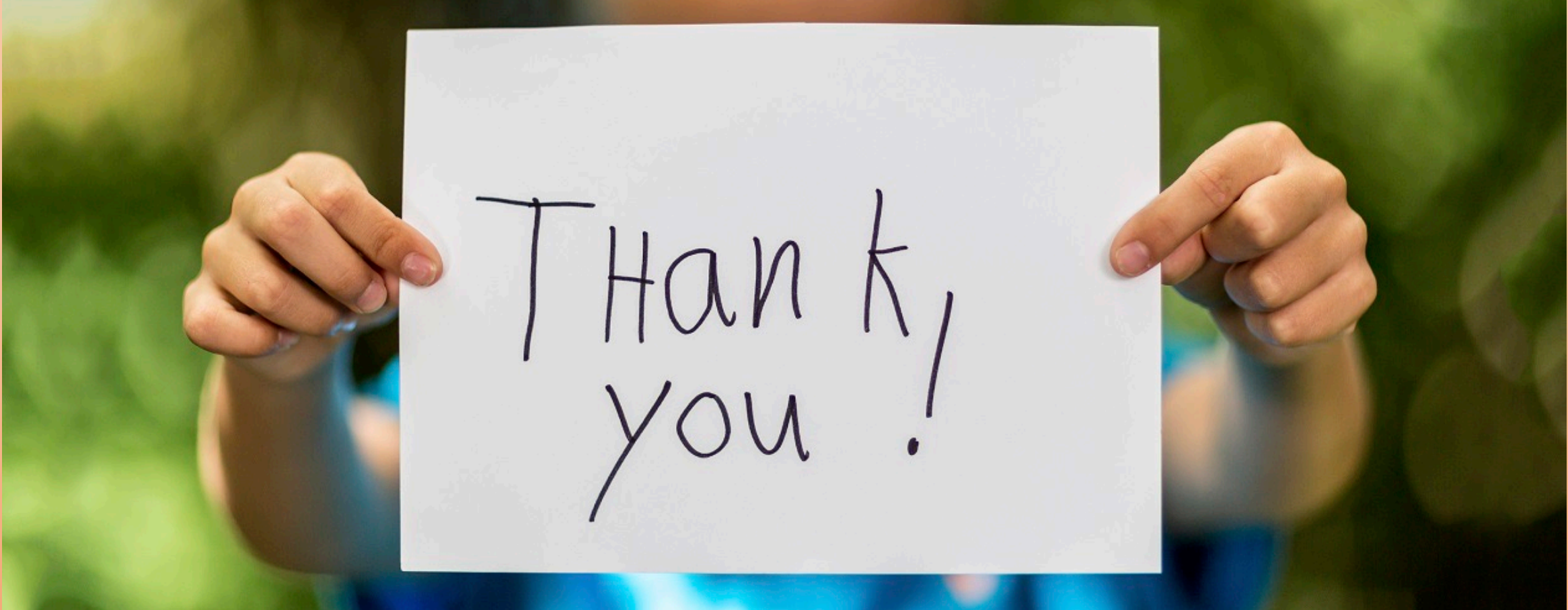
- Develop a reading corner involving children
- Practice D.E.A.R Time on daily/regular basis
- Make it a fun time for children
- Use props while reading to a child
- Develop Vocabulary Box
- Practice decoding words
- Use newspaper
- Find words within words
- Play literacy games like scrabbles, I spy with my little eye, etc.
- Reading Buddies
- Aware of child's interests, likes and dislikes while selecting a book
- Best gift to a child is an age appropriate book!



Readiness to school

- School readiness means **children possessing the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life.**
- Physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development are all essential ingredients of school readiness.
- Child's readiness to school is reciprocal to School's readiness to child.



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