Empower Parents To Support Reading Success with the Learning Ally Solution

Host a Parent Night

One of the best ways to inform parents about the support that Learning Ally human-read audiobooks can provide to their child is to host a parent night. Everything you need is available in this Parent Night Kit.

PREPARATION:

• **Set up student accounts.** Make sure students are set up with a Learning Ally account.

• **Invite parents.** Use this customizable invitation ([English](#), [Spanish](#)).
  - Plan for 45 minutes to 1 hour for the parent night.
  - The invitation asks parents to bring a charged device that students can use to read at home.

• **Prepare handouts.** Distribute these stapled together for each parent.
  - Customize and print off copies of the teacher letter to parents ([English](#), [Spanish](#)).
  - Print off copies of the parent instructions ([English](#), [Spanish](#)) and fill in the UN/PW for each student.
  - Print off copies of [Featured Audiobooks](#).

• **Get Student Volunteers.** Work with student volunteers to share their experience with Learning Ally during the parent night. Ideas:
  - Discuss how Learning Ally makes you feel as a reader.
  - Talk about books they are able to read now that they have access to Learning Ally.
  - Discuss how they feel about school and learning.
  - Ask students to share their story of how Learning Ally has supported them during the event.

• **Book your room and technology.** Be sure you have a way to show videos with audio to your audience.
SAMPLE AGENDA FOR YOUR PARENT NIGHT:

- Welcome parents.

- Distribute the Teacher Letter to Parents and Parent Instructions.

- Share the value of Learning Ally by choosing the appropriate video of a teacher speaking to parents.
  - Elementary
  - Middle School

- Student volunteers share with the group about using Learning Ally.

- Share the parent how to video (Spanish Translation).

- Allow time for parents and their child to pair together to download the Learning Ally reading app, add a book, and look through the functionality.
  - Encourage parents to talk to their child about what they are reading in class or what they would like to read.
  - Be available to answer questions around the room.

- Q&A

- Close by discussing the importance of building a habit of reading with Learning Ally.
  - Share the following information:

  - Based on an extensive review of reading data with Learning Ally human-read audiobooks nationwide, 33 days of reading for 20 minutes per day for a student consistently skyrockets them into higher levels of reading achievement. Learning Ally defines this as **Reading With Frequency**, a crucial tipping point based on 33 days of reading, which leads to improved social-emotional and academic outcomes. Reading With Frequency is an important concept to understand when it comes to implementing the Learning Ally solution with fidelity.