

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:

5 MINUTES

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5-10 MINUTES

5-6 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

5 MINUTES

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- 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.

