



101 Ways to Put POW in your Power Lunch!

1. Always question the student about reading.
2. Arrange words on a page alphabetically. Read a very silly story.
3. Ask: What does the student want? Give lots of time for responding.
4. Be a collector: Keep a list of characters, settings, interesting words.
5. Before you read, just look at the pictures. Guess what will happen in the story.
6. Begin a book in the middle. Tell the story of the first several chapters.
7. Both of you, learn a new word for each day: use all 10 words in a story you write during Power Lunch.
8. Brainstorm all the departments in a bookstore. Where will you go first?
9. Bring your favorite book from childhood to Power Lunch.
10. Buddy up with another volunteer. Walk or car pool to school together and share your experiences.
11. Build your student's background knowledge - talk a lot.
12. Buyer beware! Read advertisements, especially the fine print
13. Cast the book you're reading with popular actors. Talk about why you chose them.
14. Check student's comprehension 1) true/false, key points; 2) interpretation, judgements.
15. Comics! Cover the last squares (or captions) and predict the punch lines.
16. Compose a Power Lunch poem: P is for ...
17. Consult a book by Jim Trelease: Read-Aloud Handbook and Read All About It.
18. Copy song lyrics from a CD or tape to read
19. Cut out short news briefs and separate the headlines: Read them, the student picks the correct headline
20. Debate



21. Design a flag to represent your Power Lunch hours. Design a flag for each book you finish.
22. Dinner Party Guest List: Who will you invite and why. Don't forget to write it down.
23. Discover each other: Something you're proud of. Something you do well. Your greatest strength.
24. Discuss what would you like people to say about you?
25. Do you have a dream? What is it? How can you realize your dream?
26. Draw conclusions: Why did that happen?
27. Every two weeks, the Times Book Review, reviews children's books. Consult the reviews together.
28. Examine the want ads for jobs in fields of your student's interest. Write an add for your perfect job.
29. Exchange ideas: Ask other volunteers what activity has been successful for them.
30. Eyewitness book series is great to explore. (Knopf Publishers)
31. Fiction or non-fiction? Read them both.
32. Find idioms (i.e. "time flies"): Keep a list in your weekly log
33. Follow the holidays. Find a calendar that lists special days from all over the world.
34. Gather some facts and fallacies. Query your student. True or False?
35. Get a list of Caldecott and Newberry award winning books. Rank your favorites
36. Give it a go at the US Constitution.
37. Go to a new room or desk
38. Guessing is great. What do you think is going to happen....?
39. Have a Power Lunch reading log. Write in it each week.
40. Help your student visualize what you read. Ask him/her to describe the scene, parts not explicitly written.
41. Invent your own Power Lunch code (i.e. A=1, B=2...). Write top secret notes.
42. Judge it! When you finish a book put it on trial: one defends the other prosecutes.



43. Keep a "feel good " list: Write down one good thing that happens to you each day. Share it.
44. Like math? Write some word problems for each other to solve.
45. List all the books you want to read before you turn ___years of age.
46. Listen
47. 47 Love a book
48. Make a list of what else you would be doing if you weren't at that moment in Power Lunch.
49. Memorize or write a poem.
50. Newspaper: Make reading the front page part of your weekly routine.
51. Next time, come prepared. Bring a book, and a topic.
52. Nonsense! Read Lewis Carroll's poem Jabberwocky
53. Open a book and read it.
54. Order out: Collect paper take out menus. Plan your meals. Don't forget to stay within your budget.
55. Play "Dictionary." Find a word, read the read definition, and one you make up. Your student guesses!
56. Poetry: Digest them in quantity, sorting through for ones you really like.
57. Point out figures of speech (metaphors, similes, exaggerations, symbolic language).
58. Predict! What will happen next?
59. Preview each reading selection. Give hints about what's to come.
60. Put LUNCH in Power Lunch: List each lunch item in its food category. Read a cookbook or write a recipe.
61. Questions! Questions! Questions! Who What Where When Why How + is was should would could did.
62. Read and talk and read and talk and read and talk...
63. Read between the lines...Why did the character react that way?
64. Remember: Reading aloud to a child is the best way to help them be successful independent readers.



65. Reminisce about your best teacher from school: Make a chart and compare with your student's.
66. Research a subject of interest to you both.
67. Retell the story. Use a new context. (i.e.a rap song).
68. Say "Thank you!"
69. Script the reading in a play for two readers.
70. Select a single chapter from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.
71. Send a letter to a person, publisher, place... See what you get.
72. Set goals. What will you do Why are you doing it? How can you do it best?
73. Speech! Ask a librarian for famous speeches. Read them and write your own.
74. Start your own book club. Read several chapters each on your own. Discuss at Power Lunch.
75. Stay in constant contact. Send a note or fax on the week you miss.
76. Stop and ask questions during the reading. Keep the student involved.
77. Summarize at the end of each lunch.
78. Switch roles for the day.
79. Talk and read and talk and read and talk and read.
80. Tear apart an old children's book. Have your student put it back in order. Design a new cover.
81. Tell a joke.
82. Theme reading. Pick a topic and stick to it using a variety of materials.
83. Trace your hands. Fill in the outline with five reasons why you're in Power Lunch.
84. Try to make as many words as you can by using the letters of the word Power Lunch.
85. Understand what the student wants from Power Lunch. Talk about it and come to an agreement.
86. Vary your reading selections: Magazines, tales, poems, and encyclopedias...
87. Visit another country through a book
88. Vocabulary: Read a thesaurus (Guess the synonyms first).



89. Voice your ideas: Share opinions.
90. Watch the same TV shows. Write about your reactions during Power Lunch. (Bring a TV guide).
91. When you read a comic book see if you can come up with a different ending.
92. Where's your library card?
93. Who is your hero? Why? Write a letter to your hero.
94. Winnie- the- Pooh (AA. Milne) has something to teach you.
95. Wishbone (on PBS) connects classic literature to contemporary kid's life. See how they do it.
96. Write.
97. X- Files: Kids love strange but true, believe it or not, unsolved- mysteries, ghostly sightings type of tales.
98. Xerox articles, cartoons and memos, Keep a collection to share at Power Lunch.
99. You're famous now! Write your biographies.
100. Youth vs. Age: List your favorite child and adult book heroes.
101. Zoology: Think of 5 animals. What characteristics do they represent? In what books do they "star?"