World Read Aloud day is a time to share stories both new and old! Use this opportunity to explore texts and authors that represent your community and search out stories that reveal experiences that are new and different from your own! Here are some of our favorite texts!

**Read Aloud Suggestions**

**Belonging**

**Picture Books**

*The Gift of Nothing* by Patrick McDonnell
*Giraffes Can’t Dance* by Giles Anderae
*Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto
*Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco
*Llama Llama Misses Mama* by Anna Dewdney

**Poetry**

“The Night on the Neighborhood Street” by Eloise Greenfield
*The Flag of Childhood: Poems of the Middle East* by Naomi Shihab Nye

**Chapter Books**

*Wonder* by R J Palacio
*Fresh Off The Boat* by Eddie Huang
*The Junkyard Wonders* by Patricia Polacco

**Curiosity**

**Picture**

*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran
*Sky Color* by Peter Reynolds
*Hello Ocean* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
*Journey* by Aaron Becker
*Llama Llama Holiday Drama* by Anna Dewdney
Poetry

“Salsa Stories” by Lulu Delacre
A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

Chapter Books

Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Unstoppable Octobia May by Sharon Flake
Nightbird by Alice Hoffman
Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman

Friendship

Picture

The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat
The Friendly Four by Eloise Greenfield
Ninja Bunny by Jennifer Gary Olsen
Llama Llama and the Bully Goat by Anna Dewdney

Poetry

“Build a Box of Friendship” by Chuck Pool
“Monsters I’ve Met” by Shel Silverstein

Chapter

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella
I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda, Caitlin Alifrenka and Liz Welch

Kindness

Picture

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson
Z Is for Moose by Kelly Bingham
I Broke My Trunk by Mo Willems
Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney

**Poetry**

“The Invitation” by Shel Silverstein

**Chapter**

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo
*The Women Of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor
*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

**Courage**

**Picture**

*Rad American Women A-Z* by Kate Schatz
*Planting the Trees of Kenya* by Claire A. Nivola
*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
*Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa* by Anna Dewdney

**Poetry**

“On the Pulse of Morning” by Maya Angelou

**Chapter**

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
*Heat* by Mike Lupica
*Gaby, Lost and Found* by Angela Cervantes

**Confidence**

**Picture**

*Exclamation Mark* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
*Alvin Ailey* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
*When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop* by Laban Carrick Hill
*Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney
Poetry

“By Myself” by Eloise Greenfield

The Dream Keeper and Other Poems by Langston Hughes

Chapter

The Green Bicycle by Haifaa al Mansour

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings by Deborah Hopkinson

Hope

Picture

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

I, Too, Am America by Langston Hughes

A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina’s Dream by Kristy Dempsey and Floyd Cooper

The Infinite Song by Andrea Freeman

Poetry

“Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes” by David Roessel

Honey, I Love and Other Poems by Eloise Greenfield

Chapter

Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill

The Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai