

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 you 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**

"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 RJ 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

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#### **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

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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

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#### **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