

Dear Parents,

One of the most important things parents can do with their children at home is reading aloud a good book. Reading aloud introduces vocabulary, provides a model of fluent reading, and helps children recognize what reading for pleasure is. Reading aloud also encourages conversation between parent and child. Children of any age can benefit from hearing a read aloud of a wonderful book. Make reading aloud a part of your daily routine. It is an important activity for reading success! As always, thank you for supporting your child and helping them become better readers!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lomaga
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Choosing Good Books

Children need to be exposed to a variety of stories and books. Choose books that create enthusiasm and understanding. When selecting good books, consider the following:

- Does the story sound good when read aloud?
- Will it appeal to your child?
- Will your child be able to connect the book to their own lives and culture?
- Will the book spark conversation?
- Will the book motivate deeper understanding?
- Is the story memorable?
- Will your child want to hear the story again?

Happy Reading!



Read Aloud Books To Try:

Family Traditions (All Ages)

- *Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco
- *Dumpling Soup* by Jama Kim Rattigan
- *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen

Friendship (All Ages)

- *Chester's Way* by Kevin Henkes
- *Matthew and Tilly*
by Rebecca C. Jones
- *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber

Immigration (2nd Grade and up)

- *Painted Words/Spoken Memories*
by Aliki
- *Going Home* by Eve Bunting
- *My Freedom Trip*
by Frances Park and Ginger Park
- *The Memory Coat* by Elvira Woodruff

The Wonders of Literacy (2nd Grade and up)

- *More Than Anything Else*
by Marie Bradby
- *Papa's Stories* by Dolores Johnson
- *Thank You, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco