GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING A READ ALOUD

Reading aloud to your child is one of the most important routines to help raise a reader. When you read aloud to your child, you are modeling fluent reading, building their comprehension skills, and nurturing a love of reading. These guidelines can help you select a read aloud text that provides a great learning opportunity and is fun to read!

ENGAGING
Is the story interesting? Will my child enjoy it? If you enjoyed it, chances are your child will.

RELEVANT
Will your child be able to relate to the story? Does the story teach an important life lesson?

LANGUAGE
Does the book contain beautiful, playful or interesting language? Will your child be able to learn new vocabulary from it?

ILLUSTRATIONS
Are there colorful, vibrant illustrations that add to the story? Will the illustrations help your child visualize the story?

CONTENT
Will your child learn about new ideas, people or places? Is the topic of the text age appropriate?