

# Stan and the Dragon

## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Folktale, Family, Courage, Adventure

**Book Brief:** In this Romanian tale, a busy dad attempts to outwit two dragons and win their gold.

**Author:**  
Storytime

**Illustrator:**  
Leire Marlin



## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover.

**The Pictures:** Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice.

**Prior Knowledge:** Ask students, “What do you know about dragons – are they scary, friendly?”

**Vocabulary:** Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

**Purpose for Reading:** “As you read, think about the crafty ways that Stan outsmarts the dragon.”

## DURING READING

Check for understanding and make connections:

- What would you do if you met a dragon?
- Do you think Stan was scared? Use the story to prove your answer.
- How would you feed and care for a hundred children?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** Have you ever been given a seemingly impossible task? How did you deal with it? “Share a story about a time when you were brave or thought quickly in a tricky situation?”

**Extending Our Thinking:** Make up a tricky task for another student to solve – it could be a riddle or puzzle.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.