

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 or friendly?” (Think-Pair-Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying Vocabulary Guide.

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

DURING READING

Check for understanding and make connections:

- Who did Stan meet when he went to sleep in a field full of sheep?
- Why did Stan pretend to be stronger than he really was?
- How did Stan trick the dragon and his mother into giving him a lot of gold?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: “How was Stan creative to outsmart the dragon? What would you have done?”

Extending Our Thinking: Have students create a tricky task for a classmate, such as a riddle, puzzle, or problem. Encourage them to make it creative and challenging, then share and discuss their ideas with peers.

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.