Hi! Thank you for downloading my At Home Read Aloud guide! The purpose of these guides is to give parents the opportunity to help their child with reading at home.

I started At Home Read Alouds in my classroom when I realized that I was getting the same question at parent conferences – “how can I help my child be a better reader?”

To me, the answer was simple – read! However, many parents struggle with reading and discussing a book with their child. I wanted to be able to help them out by providing a simple resource that could guide them through a book.

Additionally, not all my students had access to books. The At Home Read Aloud resource allowed me to provide them with reading material each night.

While I expect my students to read every night, I do not make the At Home Read Alouds mandatory. Not every family will need this resource, while some will be very grateful for it! You decide which students you think will benefit the most.

If a family chooses to participate, I do not require that they complete all the activities. My main goal is to provide them with books and a resource for their families to use. The extra activities are just added fun!

That being said, you may use the At Home Read Alouds however you see fit! Do what you know is best for your students.

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- Why is The white crayon feeling so empty?
- What could the black crayon be used to color?
- Which color would you use for the sun – yellow or orange?
- Is pink a color that is just for girls?
- What do you think of Duncan’s picture? Do you think he made his crayons happy?
3 EXPERIENCE IT

Choose one (or more!) of these experiences to share with your kids.

WRITE
Pull out your favorite colored crayon from your box. Think about what it might want to say and write it in letter form.

ILLUSTRATE
Using all the crayons in your crayon box, draw a colorful picture that shows off your creativity. What would make your crayons happy?

4 EXPAND UPON IT

Check out any of the related books and explorations.

READ The Day the Crayons Came Home

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WATCH Mr. Rogers visit the Crayon Factory

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The Colorful Apple

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