

## **Guided Reading Overview**

**Guided Reading is an activity that occurs on a regular basis in order to achieve the following goals:**

- To provide motivating stories that will inspire students to get involved in books.
- To model how good readers think about text as they read. This is accomplished by you “thinking out loud” as you read the passage.
- To allow students to see you and each other using reading strategies.
- To allow students oral opportunities to practice the reading strategies within novels.
- To allow students plenty of opportunities to read aloud. (It will probably take time for the students to become comfortable and gain enough confidence to volunteer readily. Creating a positive learning community lays the foundation for students to feel comfortable enough to participate.)

**Preparing for guided reading - Read the passage ahead of time in order to:**

- Determine how many pages you will read during the activity.
- Mark vocabulary words that you may want to emphasize by explaining their meanings.
- Think about background knowledge that the students might need in order to understand the passage.
- Think about and mark appropriate places in the text that would provide opportunities for you and the students to “think out loud” while using reading strategies. (Note: Students are not asked to use strategies until they have been taught to the students.)