

# **Discussion Questions**

# Before Reading:

Gather some yellow gummy worms, some jasmine tea and a small puddle of water in a bowl. These 3 items will appeal to your senses of touch, smell, taste and curiosity! These 3 items are important parts of this book!

# Discussion Questions for the end of each chapter:

# Chapter 1:

What was the special magical thing that Hailey used to do with her grandfather?

Do you have a special ritual or tradition that you do with one of your grandparents?

Do you think the dragon will be friendly?

### Chapter 2:

How does the dragon save Hailey and Kyle? Would you like to have a friend who was a dragon?

#### Chapter 3:

What is the dragon's name? Where is the dragon from? What has Hailey's grandpa told her that helps her to deal with the dragon situation?

#### Chapter 4:

What does Zhu turn into in this chapter? What could you turn into so that you wouldn't be noticed and could hide in plain sight? What kind of dragon is Zhu? Do some research into water dragons and report back to your class or your friends.

#### Chapter 5:

How does Kyle carry Zhu in this chapter? Why do you think Zhu got so excited by the train?

#### Chapter 6:

How does Kyle save Zhu in this chapter? What other super power is revealed in this chapter? What does Zhu really want to do?

#### Chapter 7:

What is jook? How did Hailey's grandfather like to eat his jook? Do you think that Mrs. Evans will be a problem?

## Chapter 8:

Why was transforming into a coyote both a good idea and a bad idea? Why does Zhu have to get home? What does Animal Control mean?

#### Chapter 9:

What do the kids finally get to do in this chapter? Would you like to ride a dragon? Where do you think they should go?

### Chapter 10:

What does Hailey miss about her grandfather? How did thinking about him make her realize where they should go? What will they do now that the stone lions are gone?

# Chapter 11:

Where do the kids go for help?

# Chapter 12:

What does the flash of lightning mean? How does Hailey help to calm Zhu? How does Kyle help?

# Chapter 13:

What was the last thing Hailey's grandpa said to her? Was it true?