Listening comprehension and oral language development are essential for reading comprehension that comes later. Students' early listening comprehension and oral language development can be maximized with opportunities to engage in rich conversations that enhance their thinking, vocabulary development, and exposure to new concepts. In this course, we will focus on the use of interactive read alouds and dialogic conversations to support and stretch students' speaking and listening skills. Classroom read alouds can be leveraged for their interesting words, complex language structures, and engaging content. Dialogic conversations provide the structure and routines to bolster students' language skills and listening comprehension, helping to later predict their reading comprehension. We will highlight how to effectively plan for your classroom read alouds and lead dialogic conversations.