



Dear Families,

Your child was recently assessed in reading to determine his/her reading levels. The independent level is the level at which your son/daughter can read (easily with understanding) without help. Books at the independent level are those that come before the instructional level. Based on the assessment your child is at **Guided Reading/Instructional Level B**. The instructional reading level is the level that your son/daughter can read with support. While reading at this level, you should observe your child using the reading behaviors listed below.

- Reads the text softly or uses choral/echo reading.
- Begins to control word by word matching across two lines of text, pointing with one finger.
- Talks about ideas in the text.
- Remembers and uses language patterns in the text.
- Pays close attention to print.



Within each reading level some books may be easier or harder. To help determine if the books your child is selecting to read are appropriate for this level, follow these steps:

1. Open to any page in the middle of the book.
2. Have your child read that page.
3. As they read raise a finger each time they get to a word that they don't know. If they read the page without any errors or just one error, the book is too easy (independent level). If they make 2-3 mistakes the book is just right (instructional level). If they make more than 3 errors, the book is too difficult to read independently (frustration level) and should be read aloud to your child.

You can also visit [Scholasticbookwizard.com](http://Scholasticbookwizard.com) and enter the book title and you will be provided with the guided reading/instructional level. Yes, there is an app for this!

Parent Tip: Readers read from left to right and then sweep to the next sentence.

The Paterson Public Library ([www.patersonpl.org/](http://www.patersonpl.org/)) offers many titles at each independent reading level. Some books at your child's current independent reading level, that he/she might enjoy, are listed below. Visit your neighborhood branch today to check out some of these great books!

- The Ants Go Home by Linda Johns
- Getting There by Edwin Johns
- Let's Play by Catherine Peters
- My Feet by Janet Reed
- Baby Animals Learn by Pamela Chanko
- Hats Around the World by Liza Charlesworth
- Kites by Bettina Ling
- Monkey by Susan Canizares and Pamela Chanko



**Happy Reading!**