

Dear Families,

Your child was recently assessed in reading to determine his/her independent reading level. The independent level is the level your son/daughter can read (fluently with understanding) without support. This assessment indicated that your child is at **guided reading/instructional level C**. While reading at this level you may observe your child using the reading behaviors listed below, all of which you can help to support your child with as he/she reads at home.

- Uses visual information to predict, check & confirm
- Controls word-by-word matching of voice with print
- Uses pictures to predict meaning as well as particular words
- Predicts from events that will come next
- Checks pictures with print
- Uses known words as anchors
- Moves fluently through the text while reading for meaning
- Solves some unfamiliar words independently



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. If they make 2-3 mistakes the book is just right. If they make more than 3 errors, the book is too difficult to read independently and they will need your help.

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

Parent Tip: When your child is reading, praise him/her for self-correcting and assist them in using character voices when there is dialogue in the text.

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 Big Blue Sea by Janine Scott
- Brave Dave and the Dragons by Janet Reed
- Little Duckling is Lost by May Nelson
- The Oak Street Party by Catherine Peters
- At Work by Ellen Geist



**Happy Reading!**