

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 D**. 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.

- Moves away from finger pointing as they read
- Uses the pictures and beginning sounds of a word to help them figure out a tricky word
- Look for word parts to help figure out new words
- Use pictures and words to think about the story as they read
- Group words together so their reading sounds smooth
- Notice when something does not make sense. They may reread the sentence to help them confirm what they read
- Actively reads for meaning, talking about ideas in the text



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: When your child is reading, encourage your child to stop pointing to each word as he/she reads. Make sure that your child pays attention and reads the word endings.

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!

- After School Fun by May Nelson
- The Little Red Hen retold by Janelle Cherrington
- The Noisy Breakfast by Ellen Blonder
- Wake Up, Wake Up! By Brian & Rebecca Wildsmith
- Footprints in the Snow by Cynthia Benjamin
- Not Enough Water by Shane Armstrong and Susan Hartley



**Happy Reading!**