

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 H**. 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.
- Tracks print with eyes, occasionally using finger only at points of difficulty.
- Uses sound/letter relationships and pictures to figure out new words.
- Recognizes most words quickly and automatically.
- Solves most new words independently.
- Reads fluently and rapidly, paying attention to punctuation.
- Rereads to figure out words, self correct, or improve expression.



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 think about what happens in the story. They pay attention to details. Ask your child questions about what they read.

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!

- Aunt Maud's Mittens by Yael Landman
- Good Morning, Monday by Sheila Keenan
- Little Red Riding Hood retold by Sara Shapiro
- Sione's Talo by Lino Nelisi
- It's Spring by Samantha Berger and Pamela Chanko
- The New Baby Calf by Edith Newlin Chase
- What Will the Weather Be Like Today? By Paul Rogers
- When I First Came to This Land by Harriet Ziefert



**Happy Reading!**