



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 Q**. 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 silently with attention to meaning. Solves words quickly.
- Demonstrates interest in reading short and longer texts.
- Reads an extended text over a longer time period.
- Reads with expression and fluency.



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 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 the plot of the story. (setting, characters, conflict, resolution)

The Paterson Public Library (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!

- Abby Takes a Stand by Patricia McKissack
- Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery by James and Deborah Howe
- Just Juice by Karen Hesse
- Mummies, Pyramids, and Pharaohs by Gail Gibbons
- Adventures of the Shark Lady by Ann McGovern
- Weather Words and What They Mean by Gail Gibbons
- Kid Heroes of the Environment by Catherine Dee
- Caves by Jenny Wood



Happy Reading!