

A Family Guide to Locating JUST RIGHT BOOKS

Getting the "right" books into the hands of our students is the first step in ensuring that our children grow as readers. Increased reading time can expand vocabulary, develop background knowledge, and motivate children to become lifelong readers.

KNOW YOUR CHILD'S LEVEL

Understanding a child's reading level can be complicated. There are various ways that reading levels are reported. Your child's teacher can explain your child's reading level and how to select books that match this level.

TAP INTO YOUR CHILD'S PASSIONS

Children are more eager to read when they have the opportunity to read books they love. Help your child select books by topic, author, and the genres that they love. Motivated readers often read books well beyond their level.

UNDERSTAND LEVELING SYSTEMS

Book publishers use various tools to establish the level of the books they create. [A correlation chart](#) comparing these levels can be helpful in selecting texts at different levels.

ACCELERATED READER LEVELS

School libraries use color coded book labels to help students select "just right" books within their range. Accelerated Reader provides [this website](#) to assist in finding books in your child's reading range.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK WIZARD

Scholastic Books provides parents and teachers with text level information about many books. Use [this website](#) to help you pick books that match your child's interests and level. It's a great source to use prior to book fair and book club purchases.

THE LEXILE READING FRAMEWORK

Sometimes reading levels are reported as a MetaMetrics® Lexile® score. This range of reading level is often shared with parents as part of the NWEA MAP Reading Growth Test report. Families can locate books by Lexile Level by visiting [this website](#).



READING & BOOK EXPERTS

Reach out to the professionals at your child's school with any questions you may have about reading and books. Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches and Librarians throughout the district are happy to assist you.