

Reading Progress Report -- Glenwood Heights Primary

Reading by Your Child

(Independent Reading Level)

Your child is receiving reading instruction at level N (middle third grade). Your child is independently reading at level M (beginning third grade).

Readers at this level . . .

- notice when their reading doesn't make sense and self-correct errors.
- read aloud smoothly.
- read silently most of the time.
- keep track of story events throughout longer chapter books.
- develop new vocabulary as they use problem solving skills to figure out new words.
- automatically use reading strategies to solve words with complex spelling patterns.
- relate the text to other books, personal experiences, and the world around them.

Level M books typically have. . .

- a variety of genres (informational, folktales, fables, legends, poetry, historical, fantasy, biography, mystery and realistic fiction).
- complex pictures (tables, graphs), especially nonfiction.
- chapters, including some series books, (70-100 pages).
- complex and memorable characters.
- plots that take place over longer periods of time.
- a variety of dialogue.
- Diverse themes, including issues such as respect for differences, loneliness, or seeking independence.
- challenging, specialized or unusual vocabulary, especially nonfiction.

At home, your child would benefit from reading silently for 30 minutes daily and then discussing the book with you. You may enjoy reading the same books separately and then sharing your ideas and understanding about the book together.

It is also important to continue reading to your child as often as possible. Author suggestions: Roald Dahl, Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, Lloyd Alexander, Louis Sachar, Walt Morey, E.B. White, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Patricia MacLachlan, Louisa May Alcott, C.S. Lewis, Scott O'Dell, Sterling North, John D. Fitzgerald, Lynne Reid Banks, Gary Paulsen, E.L. Konigsburg, Madeleine L'Engle, and Jean Craighead George.

When borrowing or purchasing books, you may want to consider the following: Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne, The Littles, by John Peterson, Arthur chapter books, by Marc Brown. If you are coming up short on materials to read at home, books at this reading level may be checked out at the **Parent Education Resource Centers (PERC)**. PERC location and hours are on the attached flyer.

Reading with Your Child

COMPREHENSION – “I understand what I read.”

Before reading, think about . . . (Choose one or two)

- the title
- the pictures
- what I already know about the topic
- my purpose for reading
- my predictions about the text
- what questions do I have about the book
- what kind of book is this (fiction, information, mystery, fantasy, etc.)

While reading . . .

- back up and re-read when the meaning isn't clear
- check for understanding – re-tell the story or passage
- read ahead past difficult words or groups of words to get more information
- learn new words by looking for context clues in the story, using a dictionary or glossary, or asking someone for help
- confirm or correct my predictions
- think about how this text relates to me or to other books or materials I've read before
- think about the questions I have
- think about how this connects to the real world or my own life
- make a picture or mental image of the story

After Reading . . . (Choose one or two)

- think about the author's message or purpose
- reflect on how the text matched or didn't match my predictions
- think about how the text relates to real life (experiences I've had in my life)
- think about how this text relates to other books I've read before
- summarize the important ideas
- think about new words I've learned (or look up new words in a dictionary)
- think about why I did or did not like this book
- reflect on whether or not my questions about the book were answered

FLUENCY – “I can read accurately, with expression, and understand what I read.”

A fluent reader moves through the text smoothly, not too fast and not too slow. There are few slow-downs, stops, or pauses to solve words.

- Read books that are a good fit – use your child’s independent reading level as a guide.
- Reread books that are familiar to your child (books that your child won't have to struggle with accuracy.) Your child already knows what the book is about. Comprehension is assured. The task will be to move your child’s eyes through the text more rapidly.
- Record your child’s reading into a computer or other recording device so your child can listen to it and then improve upon it.
- Have your child read to younger siblings after practicing reading the book fluently.
- Have your child listen to fluent, expressive readers.
- Model reading your child's own book for your child. Show your child what the book would sound like if your child were to read it fluently.

EXPANDING VOCABULARY – “I know, find, and use interesting words.”

- While reading, tune in to interesting words and then use those words in speaking.
- Use pictures and diagrams to help your child understand new words.
- Define new words for your child.