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## "Just Right Books"

Oftentimes parents ask us how they can help their child find "Just Right Books." We have related shopping for clothes to "shopping for books." Not only is it important, but it is beneficial that your child finds "just right books" for themselves. Below we have created a list of ideas that made books too easy, challenging and JUST RIGHT.

### Too Small



### Easy

- You can read the words fluently (smooth and with an interesting voice)
- There often are not a lot of words on a page
- You know how to say all the words
- There are not a lot of pages in the book

### Too Big



### Challenging

- Many of the words are too hard to decode (more than 5 errors per page)
- You don't know what the TRICKY words mean
- Reading becomes choppy more than it is fluent
- You don't have any prior knowledge on the subject

### Perfect Fit



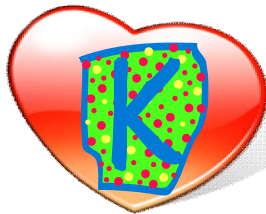
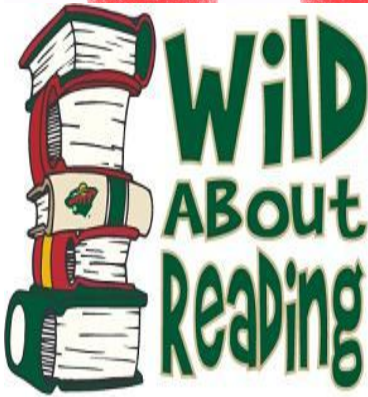
### Just Right

- You can read most of the words
- You can understand what you are reading
- You enjoy the book
- You are interested in the subject matter
- You can read the book with smooth fluency - not too slow and not too fast

\*Thank you to Beth Newingham, third grade teacher in Michigan, for sharing her ideas.

# February is I Love to Read Month

We have generated a list of books for each grade level that we thought you may enjoy reading together as a family. Happy Reading!



- Curious George Books - Rey
- Dr. Seuss' Books
- Five Little Monkeys - Christelow
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Numeroff
- Tacky the Penguin - Lester



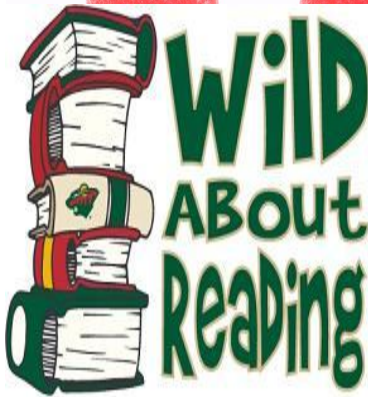
- Boxcar Children - Warner
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Kinney
- Ivy & Bean Series - Barrows
- Matt Christopher Sports Series
- Stone Fox - Gardiner



- Dr. Seuss Books
- Fly Guy Series - Arnold
- Amelia Bedelia Books - Parish
- If You Give a Pig a Pancake - Numeroff
- Eric Carle Books



- Because of Winn Dixie - DiCamillo
- Frindle - Clements
- Heat & Million Dollar Throw-Lupica
- Katie Kazoo Series - Krulik
- Little House Series - Wilder



- Charlotte's Web - E.B. White
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs - Barrett
- Dr. Seuss' Books
- Flat Stanley Series - Brown
- Matt Christopher Sport Books



- Dork Diaries - Russell
- Harry Potter Series - Rowling
- Hatchet - Paulsen
- Holes - Sachar
- Lunch Money, Frindle, Report Card and Others - Clements