

## Popular Reading Series by Level

The following series books are listed by guided reading level and most can be found at a local library. Reading in a series allows for greater fluency as the story format is familiar to the reader and provides an automatic choice for a next book. Students also learn to gather information about characters and their relationships across books and to predict what will happen based on patterns they've seen in other books in the series. The levels are approximate. Some books in the series may be easier or harder. To make sure it is a "good fit" book, have your child read a page or two. Put up a finger for each tricky word. If less than 5 words on a page are tricky, the book is a good match for your child. If your child misses 5 or more words, then the book is too challenging and reading it will not help increase reading skills and strategies. To build fluency, have your child read books on an easier level. Books above your child's level will be too difficult. However, a child's listening level is usually 2-3 grade levels above their reading level. If your child is reading at a first grade level, they can listen and comprehend books at a third or fourth grade level. As a parent, be aware that the "5-Finger Rule" only helps to evaluate student's ability to read words. You still want to check that your child understands the story by asking questions about the book.

Reading aloud to your child will help challenge students by introducing them to more sophisticated vocabulary and increasing their cognitive skills. In addition, reading together is a great time for parents to bond with their children and will provide opportunities for meaningful discussion. It will become a time you and your child look forward to each night! Remember; don't restrict your child's reading material to only books. Provide the chance to read other types of materials (magazines, comics, newspapers, atlases, recipes, game instructions, etc.). This will allow them to discover several reading materials of interest. Please let me know if you have any questions or want more information! Kathy Byron, Reading Plus Teacher: 835-4165 or [kmb@oregon.k12.wi.us](mailto:kmb@oregon.k12.wi.us).

Level J  
Rigby Level 17, 18 =  
Grade Level 2.0

Henry and Mudge by Cythia Rylant  
Mr. Putter and Tabby by Cynthia Rylant  
Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant  
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik  
Fox Series by James and Edward Marshall  
Little Critter books by Mercer Mayer  
Young Cam Jansen books by David Adler

Level K  
Rigby Level 19, 20  
Grade Level 2.3

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
Amanda Pig and Oliver stories by Jean Van Leeuwen  
Clifford books by Norman Birdwell  
Franklin books by Paulette Bourgeois  
Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel  
Froggy books by Jonathan London  
The Aunt Eater Books by Doug Cushman  
Frances books by Russell Hoban  
The Littles First Readers by John Peterson

Level L  
Rigby Level 21  
Grade Level 2.7

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish  
Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline  
Adam Sharp books by George Edward Stanley  
Pee Wee Scouts by Judy Delton  
Pinkey and Rex by James Howe  
Cam Jansen Mystery series by David Adler  
Triplet Trouble series by Dadey and Jones, Debbie and Marcia Thornton

Level M  
Rigby Level 22  
Grade level = End of Second Grade

Arthur books by Marc Brown  
Rainbow Fairy series by Daisy Meadows  
The Teacher from the Black Lagoon  
and other Black Lagoon books by Mike Thaler  
Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne  
Marvin Redpost by Louis Sachar  
Junie B. Jones by Barbra Park  
The Littles by John Lawrence Peterson  
Sophie books by Dick King-Smith  
The Zack Files series by Dan Greenburg  
Polk Street Kids by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Jake Drake series by Andrew Clements

Level N  
Rigby 23  
Grade Level = Beginning Third Grade

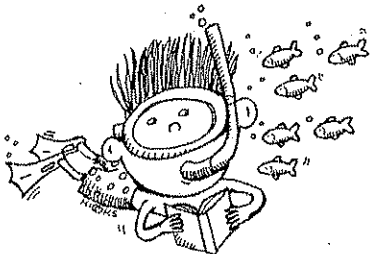
Amber Brown by Paula Danziger  
Julian books by Ann Cameron  
Arthur Chapter books by Marc Brown  
Jenny Archer stories by Ellen Conford  
My Weird School series by Dan Gutman  
Max Malone series by Charlotte Herman  
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown  
A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy  
Picture book of . . . . by David Adler  
Jigsaw Jones by James Preller  
The Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott  
Third Grade Detectives by G.E. Stanley  
Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald  
Andrew Lost/Science Chapter books by J.C. Greenberg

Level O  
Rigby 24  
Grade Level = Mid Third Grade

Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
Ramona series by Beverly Cleary  
Ribsy series by Beverly Cleary  
Herbie Jones books by Suzy Kline  
Skinnybones by Barbra Park  
The Angel Park Sports books by Dean Hughes  
The Henry books and Ramona books by Beverly Cleary  
Class Clown/Class President by Johanna Hurwitz  
Pony Pals by Jeanne Betancourt  
Baby-Sitter's Club by Martin  
Geronimo Stilton series by Geronimo Stilton

Level P  
Rigby 25  
Grade Level = Ending Third Grade

Encyclopedia Brown by Donald & Rose Sobol  
Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole & Bruce Degen  
Puppy Patrol by Jenny Dale  
Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka  
Wayside School series Louis Sachar  
Dragon Series by Jackie French Koller  
Hank the Cowdog by Gerald L. Holmes



Level Q  
Rigby Level 26  
Grade Level 4.0

The "If you lived in . . ." history books  
The Laura Ingalls Wilder books  
Help! I'm Trapped . . . series by Todd Strasser  
American Girls Collection  
The Anastasia books by Lois Lowry  
The Betsy and Tacy books by Lovelace  
The Joshua T. Bates books by Shreve  
Magic Attic Club books  
The Animal Ark series by Ben Baglio  
Fudge books by Judy Blume  
The "Inside and Outside . . ." Science books by Sandra Markle

Level R  
Rigby Level 27  
Grade Level Mid 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Baseball Card Adventure series by Dan Gutman  
Hank Zipzer series by Henry Winkler  
Boys Against the Girls series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
You Wouldn't Want to series by various authors  
Dunc and Amos Culpepper Adventures by Gary Paulsen  
39 Clues by Peter Lerangis

Level S  
Rigby Level 28  
Grade Level Ending 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

My Teacher . . . . series by Bruce Coville  
Poppy stories by Avi  
Young Merlin Trilogy by Jane Yolen  
Shredderman series by Wendelin Van Draanen  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor stories  
Katherine Paterson stories  
Robert Kimmel Smith stories  
Gary Paulsen stories

Level T  
Rigby 29  
Grade Level = Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Animorphs series by K.A. Applegate  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney  
Great Brain stories by John Fitzgerald  
Books about Countries by Bobbie Kalman

**KEEP READING!!**



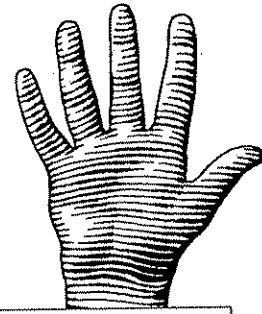
Vacation book



JUST RIGHT!



Very Challenging



Save for Later

## The 5-Finger Rule for choosing a "Just right" book

There are so many different books in the library and sometimes students have a hard time choosing the book that is perfect for them to read independently. We are teaching students to apply a 5-Finger Rule to find a right book. As a parent, be aware that the 5-Finger Rule only helps to evaluate student's ability to read words. You still want to check that your child understands the story by asking questions about the book.

Open a book to the middle and begin reading. For each word you don't know, put up one finger. If at the end of the page you have:

- 5 or more fingers up: too hard and challenging, save for later book
- 4 fingers up: challenging
- 2-3 fingers up: just right
- 0-1 fingers up: too easy, vacation book, or building fluency book

### Happy Reading!

