



Hudson School District Parents as Reading Partners SUMMER Contract

Selecting a just right book is important for improving the reading ability of students.

Children need books that are appropriate for their learning. We call these books *Just Right Books*. The following is a description of books that would be too easy, just right, and too hard for children. It is okay to sometimes read a book that you know is too easy; adults do this all the time, but children are developing as readers and need to be challenged a bit in order to become better readers. Books that are too hard just cause frustration and may even help develop a poor attitude towards reading.

Too Easy

- Can read all the words
- Can understand and retell the story
- Reads with complete fluency - reads like talking and with expression

Just Right

- Can read most of the words - students should not struggle with more than five words on one page
- Should be able to use strategies to figure out most of the tricky words
- Can understand and retell the story
- Reads mostly with fluency except when attempting to figure out a tricky word

Too Hard

- Cannot read many words
- Does not read with fluency
- Cannot retell much of the story
- Note - even if a book is read with fluency, if a child cannot retell the story, the text is probably too difficult

As parents and teachers we know how important it is to read with children at home. For the SUMMER READING "FREE CHOICE" we are asking students to read AT LEAST: Grade 1=10 minutes, Grade 2=15 minutes, Grades 3 & 4=20 minutes and Grade 5=25 minutes, 4 out of 7 days each week. Please put an "X" on the days that you and your child read together (older and more experienced readers may read independently) on the monthly calendars below and fill in the READING LOG on the back.

June:

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July:

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August:

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Please complete the Reading Log on the back!!



