

CAN YOUR LEVEL K READER DO THESE THINGS?

- They can read books silently.
- They're reading some beginning chapter books (30-60 pages) that have a lot of pictures (like *Nate the Great* series, *Pete the Cat* Series books).
- When they read dialogue they change their voice to sound just like the characters who are speaking in the book.
- They can read more complicated letter-sound combinations in the middle of words, like throughout, illustration, restaurant. They can chunk the beginning, middle or end sounds if they get stuck on a hard word (fi-nal-ly).

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD MOVE TO THE NEXT READING LEVEL?

- Build in 20 minutes (or more) of reading time per day. Your child can read a short book, then listen to a read aloud or picture book with a parent.
- When reading to a child teach the word "genre" or type of book. Once kids understand the genre of a book, they'll know what to expect when reading. Is it fiction (a made up story) or non-fiction (facts)?
- Explain other genres, like mysteries (a fiction story about a crime or puzzle to be solved), biographies (books about notable people), folktales (storytellers passed down from a long time ago) poems (imaginative, special writing) or fantasy (magical parts in the story).
- Point out a new or challenging word, give them a kid-friendly definition (a *trait* is something that makes an animal different from others. *A striped coat is a trait of a zebra.*)
- Did the characters learn a lesson in this book? If so, what did they learn? Look back in the story to show the page or picture that supports your answer.
- Ask about about their favorite part of the book. What was their least favorite part? Why?

WHEN MY CHILD READS TO ME:

- Have your child read a level K book to you every day, or a level L book with your help.
- Read a page or two, then stop and think aloud - what's happened so far? Encourage them to ask questions about parts of the story they wonder about.
- Make connections - Did the main character remind you of anyone in your life or from another story?
- If it's a fiction story, what could be a summary for this story? Recap the beginning, middle and end.
- If it's a non-fiction book, ask what the "topic" is, or what the book mostly tells about, for example, "This book is mostly about knights." Have them retell you the important facts.
- Did you read any unusual words? Point out the new word. Can you use it in a sentence?

Practice sight words assigned by school each day to help improve your child's reading.
Aim for your child to practice reading a sight word 5 different times to master it.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT THE LEVEL OF A BOOK?

- Instantly get the Guided Reading level letter of any book by entering the title or scanning the barcode using the free app, *BookWizard*.

LEVEL K BOOKS:

The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy by Mo Willems



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