

Dear Rising 2nd Level Parents,

Summer vacation is almost here! I hope that you make it a time to REST, RELAX, READ, but above all ENJOY!



Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read “just right” books, that is, books that are not too hard and not too easy, and when children can explore books about those topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone’s encouragement, suggestions, and praise, the better and more confident readers they will become.

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate reading level is to choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know 5 or more words on the page, the book may be too difficult for them to read independently. Don’t let that discourage you--consider reading a “too difficult” book aloud to your child.

Here are some tips to encourage reading:

- Set aside a regular family reading and/or read aloud time.
- Read to your children, even the older ones
- Recognize that your child’s own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment
- Let your child see you reading for pleasure
- Don’t forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer
- Participate in activities at the local library

This link will help you to find books and identify the level.

<http://www.kidsbookseries.com/list/sorted-by-developmental-reading-assessment>

Summer Reading Assignment

Your child should read each day and complete 1 book review for a book written on their DRA Level.

~Thank you! We are looking forward to a great year.
Ms. Clarke, Ms. Herrmann, and Mrs. Way

Name _____

Fiction Book Review

Title: _____

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Author: _____

My Rating:

10—loved it

7—pretty good

5—it was OK

3—Not very

good

1—never again

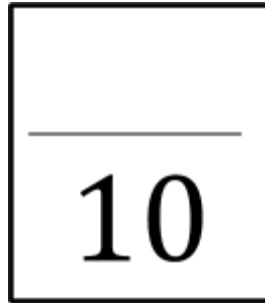


Illustration of the Main Character

Plot: What is the book about? Write at least 3 sentences telling about the beginning, middle, and end.

Character's Name

Setting: Where did the story take place? In what time of day/season? Write 2 sentences.

Did you like this book? Why/Why not?
