

CAN YOUR LEVEL E READER DO THESE THINGS?

- They can read on their own, they recognize words automatically and don't need to point to each word.
- They can use their finger to help break apart unknown words. They can cover up the part of the word they know and look at the part that is left.
- They can read words with long vowels (silent e: take, bike; two vowels: team, boat).
- They can make reading sound smooth, like talking.

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

- Build in 20 minutes (or more) of reading time per day. This can be you reading to them, taking turns or your child reading on their own.

When reading to a child:

- Teach the word "genre," or type of book. Ask if the book is fiction (a made up story) or non-fiction (a book about facts).
- Make connections by reading the title and looking at the cover, ask your child if this book reminds them of another book they've read.
- Explain problem and solution. After reading a fiction book, ask your child what the *problem* is or what went wrong in the story. How was this problem *solved*, or fixed, at the end of the book?
- Point out a new or challenging word, give them a kid-friendly definition (*Solar means sun*).

WHEN MY CHILD READS TO ME:

- Have your child read a level E book to you every day, or a level F book with your help.
- Point out "text features," or helpful parts of non-fiction books, like the table of contents, captions under pictures, bold words, the index and glossary.
- Ask them a question about the story. Have them "prove" the answer by looking back in the story (*What is the largest planet? Show me the page where you read the answer.*)
- After reading, ask them to retell you the beginning, middle and end of the story.

SHOW THEM HOW TO READ PUNCTUATION MARKS:

- period (.) means stop and our voice drops
- exclamation point (!) shows strong feeling so our voice gets loud
- question mark (?) means asking so our voice goes up
- comma (,) means pause, take a breath
- quotation marks ("") means someone is talking, read like the character's voice

PRACTICE THESE SIGHT WORDS WITH YOUR CHILD:

I, a, all, and, are, as, at, am, be, by, can, come, do, day, did, for, fun, he, go, get, got, he, had, has, him, her, is, in, it, like, look, my, me, no, play, on, so, see, the, to, too, this, we, will, was, went, up, you

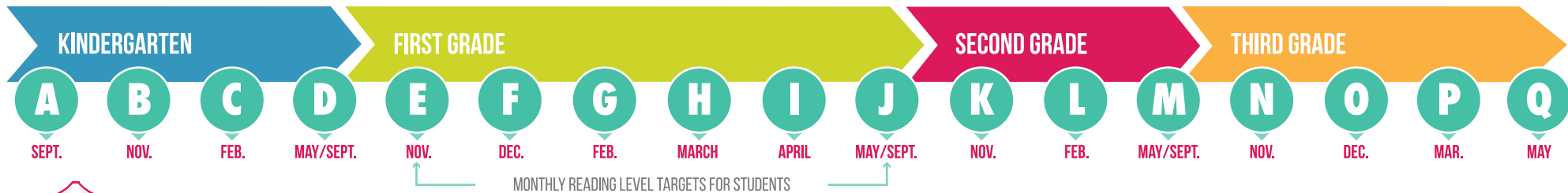
HOW CAN I FIND OUT THE LEVEL OF A BOOK?

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

LEVEL E BOOKS: *The Ear Book* by Al Perkins
Inside Outside Upside Down by Stan Berenstain
Big Egg by Molly Coxe

WHAT ARE FEATURES OF A LEVEL E BOOK?

- Three to eight lines of print per page.
- Some three syllable words.
- More genres of reading - like informational, fairy tales, realistic fiction, poems.
- Stories are becoming more complex and students must do more problem solving to figure out new words.



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