

# Black Readers



# What does “black” mean?

Black level readers really get hooked on reading. This is when silent reading takes off and readers will sit and read for long periods of time, reluctant to stop because they want to find out what happens next.

Black is the level where good readers binge on series books (e.g., *Goosebumps*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, Matt Christopher’s sports fiction).

# What are they working on?

- Reading a series
- Using a mix of context clues and word parts to figure out unknown words
- Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
- require students to broaden their reading into new genres

# How can you help?

- Encourage your child to read 30-45 minutes per night. 30 minutes should be consecutive.
- Make reading fun and comfortable. Offer a snack or a fun timer.
- Encourage them to read the same chapter book both at home and at school. It should travel with them.
- Encourage other genres such as biographies, poetry, and science.
- Point out examples of figurative language



# What books should they be reading?

*Babymouse*  
*Camp Rock*  
*Captain Underpants*  
*Franny K. Stein*  
*Geronimo Stilton*  
*Hank Zipzer*  
*How I Survived Middle School*  
*Goosebumps*  
*Time Warp Trio*  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*  
*American Girl*  
*Matt Christopher Sports*



# What comes next?

PreK	Kindergarten	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 & 10	11 & 12 <sup>®</sup>				
RTM	1-3Y	1G	2G	1B	2B	1R	2R	Wt	Bk	Or	Pu	1Br	2Br	Si	GI

**Orange is the next step after Black. In Orange they are working on:**

- Increased vocabulary
- Participate in book clubs for literary conversations
- Integrate information from several texts
- Need background knowledge of American Geography for many Orange level texts

# Questions

## Questions or concerns?

If you have multiple children, don't forget to pick up more materials from the levels that you missed! They are located at tables outside of building 2 near the stairs.