



My child is reading level **W** books!

What does that mean?

It means Level W text demonstrates characteristics such as:

- ◆ Themes explore the human condition
- ◆ Fiction and nonfiction texts present characters who learn lessons from hardships
- ◆ Writing is sophisticated, with complex sentences, literary language, and symbolism
- ◆ Print in a small font
- ◆ Background knowledge of social and political issues to comprehend texts
- ◆ Informational texts may present complex information that requires more extensive content knowledge
- ◆ Narrative biographies include many details that require readers to make inferences
- ◆ Character interpretation is essential to understanding the theme

How can I support my child in reading?

I can help by listening, noticing when my child uses good reading strategies, and saying:

- ◆ “You made that part sound interesting.”
- ◆ “You used the glossary/graphic to figure it out.”
- ◆ “You noticed it had two meanings.”
- ◆ “You imagined what that word or phrase might look like in order to understand.”
- ◆ “You had a question and you read to answer it.”

After reading, I can say:

- ◆ “Why is this topic important to you or not important to you?”
- ◆ “If you were the author, how might you have changed a part of the book? Why would you change that?”
- ◆ “What are you still wondering? What would you still like to know about this topic?”

What the book may look like:

