HOW TO CHOOSE BOOKS THAT ARE JUST RIGHT

Finding the right book for your child means finding something that they'll enjoy AND is on their instructional level. Encourage your child to think like Goldilocks—choose books that are not too easy and not too hard, but are just right.



Too Easy Books

- They have read the book many times before
- They can retell the story without much effort
- They know and understand almost every word
- They can read aloud smoothly and fluently



Just Right Books

- A "new to you" book about a topic that interests the reader
- They can understand what's happening during most of the story
- They can retell the story
- They recognize most of the words on the page but may need help with two or three
- They can read the book independently with help on the tough spots



Too Hard Books

- After reading one page, there are five or more words they don't recognize
- They are confused about what is happening in the story
- The story sounds choppy when read aloud
- They need a lot of help when reading the book

