



ELA Workshop 1-26-19

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Designed for parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students
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How to become a better reader...



Reading must be a priority at school and in the home. Parents set the example and read to their children. Teachers prioritize reading in the classroom. This transitions into reader independence, but where do we go from there?

Some questions I would like to answer today include:

- 1) How do I keep my child growing as a reader?
- 2) How do I help my child increase their Lexile? What is a Lexile?
- 3) How can Reading Counts help improve my Lexile?
- 4) What do the teachers expect students to do in Reading Counts each week?
- 5) What other tools can help improve reading skills?
- 6) How can I best prepare for the Georgia Milestones?

How do I keep my child growing as a reader?



Understand where they are now and where they may be struggling - talk to your child's teacher and listen to him or her read. Ask questions such as “how do you feel about your reading?” and “what are you reading now?” and “what are your favorite topics, authors and genres?”

At school, students take the “**Reading Inventory**” which is a comprehension test that assesses their reading level and produces a Lexile. Once the Lexile is known, students should read 100 points below or 50 points above that number. Lexiles are written inside many of our library books in the media center, but not all. The RI (Reading Inventory) is given 3 times a year and should increase as the child's comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency increases.

Chart on Lexiles

<https://lexile.com/>

	Scholastic Guided Reading Program Levels	Scholastic Guided Reading Lexile® Ranges	CCSS Lexile® Recommendations*	DRA Level
Kindergarten	A	n/a	n/a	A-1
	B			2
	C			3-4
	D			6
Grade 1	A	n/a	n/a	A-1
	B			2
	C			3-4
	D			6
	E			8
	F			10
	G			12
	H			14
	I			16
Grade 2	E	100-1120	420-620	8
	F			10
	G			12
	H			14
	I			16
	J-K			16-18
	L-M			20-24
	N			28-30
Grade 3	J-K	100-1120	620-820	16-18
	L-M			20-24
	N			28-30
	O-P			34-38
Grade 4	Q	180-1280	740-875	40
	M			20-24
	N			28-30
	O-P			34-38
	Q-R			40
Grade 5	S-T	330-1280	875-1010	40-50
	Q-R			40
	S-V			40-50
Grade 6	W	300-1340	925-1010	60
	T-V			50
	W-Y			60

Lexile Levels: What parents need to know

[Scholastic Article: What Parents Need to Know about Lexile](#) (some general info)

Next, check out the [LEXILE PARENT GUIDE](#)

Let's walk through the guide to see how to find books on your child's level.

(Click on fab.lexile.com and walk through the steps. Find books based on your child's INTEREST and LEXILE LEVEL.)

Watch video below:

[Video pertaining to reading on or above grade level by grade 3*](#)



Additional Resources

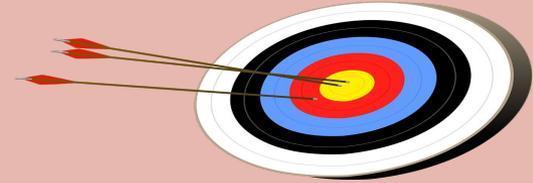
[4th Grade Great Schools Article about Reading](#)

[Vocabulary for 4th Graders- Great School Article](#)

Here are 10 key reasons to keep reading aloud to older kids:

- It builds vocabulary. ...
- It improves comprehension. ...
- It's wonderful for bonding. ...
- It provides positive modeling. ...
- It improves listening skills. ...
- It's a way to discover the classics. ...
- It helps with discussing difficult issues. ...
- It's a way to Introduce different genres.

[10 Reasons why you should read aloud to big kids too](#)



How can Reading Counts help improve my Lexile?

Reading Counts goals are set by the teachers of each grade level. Reading within your Lexile Range and steadily increasing skills and fluency will increase the Lexile score on the RI (Reading Inventory) taken 3 times a year at NFE. Vocabulary, stamina, comprehension, and fluency all continue to rise with practice and accountability. (Remember the students' interests are KEY as well.)

What do the teachers expect students to do in Reading Counts each week?

3rd- Pass 3 Reading Counts tests each week (25 points/9 wks or 100 points/year)

4th- Earn 3-4 points each week. (30 points/9 wks or 120 points/year)

5th- (40 points/9 wks or 160 points/ year)

Reading Counts Program 2018-2019 at NFE

See 2 pages from Mrs. Pahl here - See top tabs

Go to “book expert” link to find if it has a Lexile, a RC test, and how many points

[Reading Counts Book Expert](#)

What other tools can help improve reading skills?

North Fayette has many programs available to help improve reading skills. See the student homepage. Go to North Fayette Homepage, then student resources, then [NFES Student Homepage](#)

RazKids, IXL, Bookflix, and Trueflix are just a few place for kids to read.

Lexia is a great place to build skills for reading. (School-wide intervention)

(Show examples of Raz, Bookflix, and Trueflix)

(Remember username and passwords to show all 3) Handout here

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/10-reasons-you-should-read-aloud-to-big-kids-too>

RazKids and Reading Rockets

Show features of RazKids

Show parent resources within RazKids

Here are some great [reading tips from reading rockets for our ELL students](#). There are links for English handouts and multiple other languages!

There is a library of children's books in Spanish available for checkout in Ms. Skelton's room. We promote home language literacy and development of children's first language which supports their acquisition of English.

How can all of this help me on the Georgia Milestones?

GEORGIA MILESTONES (See Gadoe site)

GA Milestones Study Guides - show the layout of the 3rd grade site, pointing out the ELA question descriptions, same with 4th and 5th

- Key terms
- Depth of Knowledge
- sample questions and answers
- examples of answers and evaluation to go over with students

Recommendations before the Milestones

- *Read the questions all the way through
- *Get adequate rest
- *Make use of the study guides
- *Practice, practice, practice



Questions?

Thank you for joining us!

Please be sure to fill out the evaluation form in each of your folders to give us feedback.

