

# A Parent's Guide to SCHOLASTIC Reading Pro™

Dear Parent or Carer,

Your child has completed a classroom-based reading test as part of Scholastic Reading Pro. The program is designed to develop successful readers by evaluating student's reading abilities and motivating them to read more at appropriately challenging levels.

In the test, students read a series of short passages from books and informational materials. After each passage, the student completes a fill-in-the-gap sentence. The test is taken on a computer or tablet and lasts about 20 minutes. Test results are reported using a readability measurement called the Lexile. Think of a Lexile measure as you would the reading from an outdoor thermometer. Just as you can use the temperature on a thermometer to decide what kind of coat to wear, a Lexile measure can be used to decide how difficult a book to read compared to your reading ability.

When your child's reading level (Lexile) is in the range of the Lexile level of a book, your child can read that book with confidence and control. At this target rate of comprehension, material is challenging without being frustrating or boring. This encourages your child to read more, and reading more in the targeted range will increase his/her Lexile measure, furthering reading skills.

Your child may have received a personal list of recommended books that reflects his/her Lexile measure and reading interests. After reading a book, your child will take a comprehension quiz to see if he/she understood the book. I will keep track of your child's reading and how he/she performs on quizzes and Lexile tests throughout the year.

There will be plenty of classroom incentives to keep students working toward their reading goals, but we need your help too. On the school website you will find a guide for how your child can log-on at home and take a quiz when they have completed reading a book. Your involvement is critical to your child's success. Feel free to contact me, or their class teacher, with any questions. Thank you for working with us to help your child read more to achieve more.

Kind regards,

Alison Bridgeland (Reading Teacher)