

Just Right Books

...the ability to do something for an extended period of time without getting tired or giving up.

Overarching Questions

- How do we build stamina?
- How do we keep our mind in the book?

I Pick

- **I** choose a book
- **P**urpose: Why do I want to read it?
- **I**nterest: Does the book interest me?
- **C**omprehend: Do I understand what I am reading?
- **K**now: Do I know most of the words?

5 Finger Rule

Open a book to any page and begin reading. Hold up a finger every time you come to a word you do not know.

0-1 finger(s): Too Easy

2-3 fingers: Just Right

4 fingers: Give it a try

5 fingers: Too Hard



Just Right Books

Too Easy

- I know most of the words on each page as I read.
- I understand the story and can retell what happened.
- I can read smoothly and fluently.
- I have read the book many times before.

Too Hard

- I don't know five or more words on a page.
- I don't know what is happening in the story.
- I am sounding and blending lots of words while I read.
- I need help when reading this book.

Just Right

- I am interested in the book and it is new to me.
- I understand what is happening in the story for the most part.
- I recognize most of the words as I read. I need help on a couple words.
- I can read the book by myself.

Mentor Texts

- The Three Libearians

Activities

- Students practice finding just right books in the classroom library. They can share with the class why the book they chose is “just right”.

