

Understanding Independent Reading at the Elementary Level



Students engage with texts independently & instructionally in:

- Readers Workshop
- Strategy/Small Groups
- Guided Reading Groups
- Read-Alouds/Shared Reading

Why do children have to read school selected texts?

- skill and strategy application (based on text complexity & content)
- units of study (and standards) guide teacher/student book choice
- just right reading levels (according to assessments)
- relevance/purpose

Students have choice in their book selection at school:

- during book checkout in Library Media Center
- within selected genre and just right reading level

When can my child read a book from home or Library Media Center?

- throughout the day, as appropriate, outside of the instructional program
- after logging in independent practice of reading strategies at home