

Sayreville Public Schools
Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders
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This year all teachers in grades one through five, administered the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) to our students. The DRA is an individual reading assessment tool used to identify your child's independent reading level. An independent level is one at which a child reads with 95-100% accuracy, without assistance. The DRA is given at least twice a year (usually in the fall and spring), and provides information about your child's reading engagement, fluency and comprehension. The DRA shows your child's growth in reading over time and provides essential data for teachers to use in grouping students for guided reading, developing classroom groups for specific reading skills, providing supplemental support, and continuing to develop the independent reading level of their students. Teachers are able to match students' instructional levels to appropriate texts and provide appropriate but challenging reading instruction. Selecting books at your child's reading level at home will also support your child's independent reading growth.

- **To determine the level of your books at home you can use the following website: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>**
- **Please see the correlation chart for DRA levels and their corresponding grade levels.**
- **If you have any questions about your child's DRA level, please reach out to their Language Arts teacher.**

Thank you for being our partners in your child's literacy development!

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