

Name _____ Date _____

Independent Reading Assessment

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Dear Parents,

This year, your child is going to do lots of independent reading. When students read books that interest them at school and at home, they become better readers for a lifetime. To support your child's reading, the class is going to use Scholastic's Independent Reading Assessment. It's a child-friendly test that helps teachers pinpoint students' reading skills and habits, and discover what students understand as they read an entire book of fiction on their own.

Here's how you can support your child as he or she completes this assessment:

- Your child may bring home a reading book filled with sticky notes printed with questions to be answered on a Student Response Form. Please help your child find a quiet place where he or she can complete the form undisturbed.
- Your child doesn't have to read the book all in one sitting; please allow him or her to read at a pace that is comfortable.
- Please don't help your child answer the questions—even if he or she asks you to! It's important that the responses come directly from the children. If your child is really stuck, he or she can write "I don't understand" in that space and move on.
- Encourage your child to return the completed response form and book promptly to the teacher.

The teacher will use the information from this assessment to find just-right books your child will enjoy reading next and to tailor the reading instruction to your child's specific needs.

Thank you for your help supporting independent reading. If you'd like to find out more about the Independent Reading Assessment, please see your child's teacher.