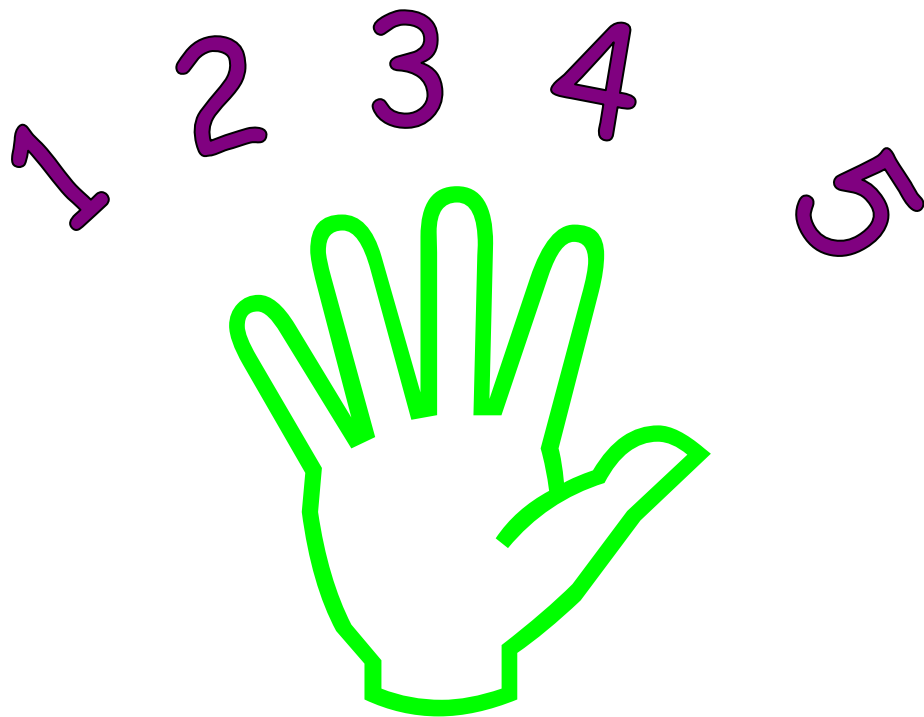


## “Just Right” Books

This year your child will be reading many books. A "just right" book is a book that your child can read independently; books should be neither too difficult nor too easy in order for your child to grow as a reader.

- ⌘ The "five finger" rule is one way for your child to choose a "just right" book.
- Once your child has chosen a book ask him or her to read the first page aloud. As your child reads, he/she should count on one hand any unknown words. If there are five or more unknown words on a full page of text, this book is too difficult!
- When reading a "just right" book:
  - reading should be fairly fluent (not too choppy sounding)
  - your child should be able to tell you about what he/she has read
  - your child should be interested in the topic
- Children enjoy and benefit from rereading familiar text, but in order to grow as a reader, your child needs to read books which are "just right." If your child chooses a book that is too difficult, this would be a great choice for reading together.
- ⌘ **Remember:** Reading aloud to your child is valuable at any grade level!

# "Just Right" Book ?



## The 5 Fingers Rule

Read the page 1 of your book.

Count the words you do not know?

Less than 5? Keep going! 😊

More than 5? Stop! Get a new book!