



Five Finger Book Selection

The five finger rule describes the process that your child will use in selecting books that are appropriate for him/her. The selected book will be conducive to reading with greater success and confidence. It will also enhance your child's ability to read fluently.

First, the child will select a book of interest. Then, he/she will extend all five fingers of one hand. After opening this book to a random page, the child will attempt to read this page in its entirety. For each word that he/she is unable to read, the child will put a finger down. If:.....

- all five fingers are down, this book is most likely too difficult for the child;**
- all five fingers are up, this book is most likely too easy for the child;**
- some fingers have remained up, while others have been flipped down, this book is most likely appropriate for the child.**

Your child will use this process in school. However, there may be times when it would be helpful to review the five finger rule at home. He/She will also be choosing a Free Book Pick for the week. This is a book that the child wants to read regardless of its level. It may be too easy or too difficult.

I hope that this information is helpful in helping your child to choose books.

**Happy Reading!
Gr. 1 Teachers**

