



Annual Grade Level Reading Goals

Grade Level	Criteria to Read a Million Words	Book should contain
Preschool	75 Picture books (<i>Read with an adult or independently</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One line of text with large spaces between words - Repeated word and sentence patterns - Basic sight words
Kindergarten	75 Picture books (<i>Read with an adult or independently</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two lines of text (return sweep) with large print - Written sentence structure similar to students' spoken language - Simple punctuation and dialogue - Sentences that increase in length - About eight pages
First Grade	75 Picture books or 25 chapter books (<i>Read with an adult or independently</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topics that range beyond the familiar - More multi-syllable words and less common spelling patterns. - Text that is more reflective of written than spoken language - Genres including realistic fiction, human and animal fantasy, folk tales, and simple nonfiction - 10 - 30 pages in length
Second Grade	150 picture books or 50 chapter books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smaller print size - Plots and characters that are more sophisticated - Various genres including more biographies - 60 – 100 pages in length with short chapters and few pictures
Third Grade	30 chapter books (<i>large type</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topics and settings that go beyond reader's personal experiences - Various genres, including historical and science fiction and a wider variety of fiction and nonfiction - Texts that have few illustrations – usually black and white photographs - 50 – 200 pages in length

Fourth Grade	25 chapter books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Settings that are detailed and distant from students' own experiences - Fiction and nonfiction texts that represent a range of times in history - Text that have mature themes including societal problems, family problems, war and death - Words from other languages which involve the use of context clues - 70 – 150 pages in length
Fifth Grade	25 chapter books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sophisticated and multi-syllable words - Few illustrations that require interpretation and connection to the text - Text which surpasses simple narratives to provide a significant amount of historical information and should focus on difficult periods of history - Themes that include growing up, demonstrating courage, and experiencing hardship - Small font and be 150 – 200 pages in length
Sixth Grade	25 Young Adult Novels (small type of 150 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fiction and nonfiction text including plots involving characters who suffer hardships and learn from them - Themes which require an awareness of social and political issues in order to understand the texts - Informational texts which may present complex graphic information - Small font and be 200 – 250 pages in length
Seventh Grade	25 Young Adult Novels (small type of 150 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Genres vary but may include science fiction which incorporates fantasy yet also requires technical knowledge - Subtle themes and complex plots - Irony and satire, requiring readers to think beyond the literal - A wide range of social problems as themes - Small font and be 250 – 300 pages in length
Eighth Grade	25 Young Adult Novels (small type of 150 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Controversial social and political issues with detailed historical accounts - Complex examples of basic organizational structures - Fiction texts which explore a wide range of mature themes relative to the human condition - Genres which include fantasy that have heroic quests and complex characters - Selected texts which provide graphics details of hardship and violence - Small font and be 250 – 300 pages in length
Ninth Grade	12 Novels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small font size

- Approximately 200 pages
- *Refer to recommended reading list

Tenth Grade 12 Novels

- Small font size
- Approximately 250 pages
- *Refer to recommended reading list

Eleventh Grade 15 Novels

- Small font size
- Approximately 300 pages
- *Refer to recommended reading list

Twelfth Grade 15 Novels

- Small font size
- Approximately 350 pages
- *Refer to recommended reading list