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## Grade 5 Reading Unit 1- Launch

Welcome to Grade 5 Reading! In our launch unit, we will be focusing on establishing the expectations and routines for reading. Your child will practice strategies and learn procedures as he/she works to develop the habits of a highly effective reader. Please ensure your child is reading at home every day.

### The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Monitoring reading (rereading, visualizing, questioning)
- Discussing ideas with a partner
- Understanding the gist of a story by paying attention to its story elements (setting, characters, plot, problem, solution)
- Noticing author's craft (text structure, text features)
- Citing evidence in the text to support an idea or opinion

### Questions to ask as your child is reading at home:

- What strategies can you use to monitor your reading?
- What strategies can you use to clarify your thinking in your text?
- What are you visualizing while reading your just right book?
- What do you notice about the author's craft?
- Where did you go back in the text to think more deeply?

### Some books your child may be reading in class are:

- Gorilla Walk by T & B Lewin
- Papa's Parrot by Cynthia Rylant
- Across the Alley by R. Michelson
- Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei by Peter Sis

At home please support your child's reading every night. Ask questions about what they have read, what it was mostly about, and questions that will require them to form an opinion and use evidence from the text. These comprehension conversations will help you both to realize if they are reading books that are just right for them.