



# LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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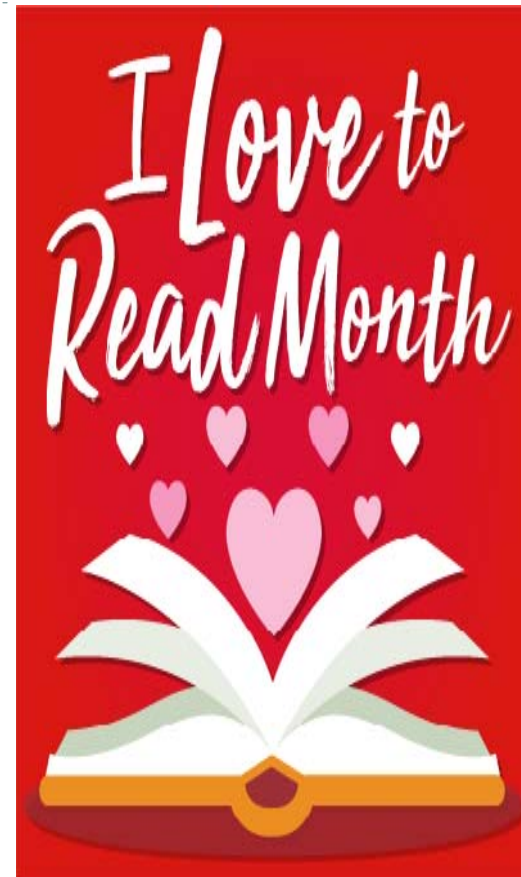
## Scavenger Hunt

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This month's Levittown Literacy Initiative activity is a Scavenger Hunt. Classes will go on a hunt around the building reading clues that include famous book quotes and more! Each clue will have a QR code that will lead students to the next clue. The scavenger hunt will conclude with a special literacy activity that teachers will share with their students. Dr. Seuss said it best, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

## A Growing Vocabulary

A child who reads for 20 minutes a night reads almost 2 million words in a school year! Reading is a key factor in improving a child's vocabulary. Reading aloud to your child is one way to help increase your child's vocabulary. Also, providing time for your child to read and encouraging your child to read various genres will impact their vocabulary development. Your child will come across different words when they are reading realistic fiction, science fiction, fantasy, nonfiction, and more. As your child comes across an unfamiliar word, encourage them to say the word aloud and try to figure out the meaning based on the context of the text. Sometimes the root word, prefix or suffix can provide clues. If they still can't figure out the meaning, have your child use a dictionary. Once your child understands the meaning of the word, have them reread the section of text.



## Finding the Right Book

Sometimes selecting the right book can be difficult. You want to find a book your child wants to read and make sure it's a good match for their reading ability. Genres and authors can help. Genres are categories or types of books. Finding genres or topics your child enjoys will broaden their list of books to read. Finding a great book by a certain author can open up a world of new titles for your child to enjoy.

Making sure a book is "Just Right" will help your child want to read. When finding a book that is not too hard and not too easy, try the 5 finger rule. Open the book to the middle and try reading the page. For every word your child can't read, hold a finger up. If they hold up 1-2 fingers, the book is probably a good match. If they hold up three fingers, this book may best be read with someone. Four or more fingers, this book may be difficult for your child to enjoy on their own.

