

## Optional Early Literacy Challenges

Practice these fun activities to help your child learn!

- Sing nursery rhymes with your child. Nursery rhymes teach your child language, rhyme, repetition, and rhythm. Some examples are: "Baa baa black sheep," "Little Miss Muffet," and "Hickory Dickory Dock."
- Practice animal sounds with your child. Example: "Cows say, 'moo.' Can you say, 'moo'?"
- Play games like "I Spy" using colors. For example, "I spy something green. What do you see that's green?"
- Encourage your child to turn the pages as you read a book together.
- Finger paint with your child.
- Help your child use playdough to make the letters of the alphabet or numbers.
- Encourage your child to tell you about their drawings and help your child write down the words your child uses to describe them.
- Ask your child about words that rhyme. For example, "What words sound like car?"
- Read a rhyming book with your child.
- Read a wordless picture book with your child.
- Play pretend with your child. For example, you can pretend to talk on the phone, or feed a doll or stuffed animal.

## 2021 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



**JUNE 28 - AUGUST 7**

**NEWARK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**READ TO ME**

**AGES NEWBORN - 4**

### How does it work?

**SIGN UP** at your nearest branch library OR at [newarkpl.beanstack.org](http://newarkpl.beanstack.org). Use your Newark library card to register.

**READ! SING! RHYME!** Read, sing, or rhyme with your child 2 hours for each Level (5 Levels = 10 hours total).

**COMPLETE CHALLENGES** for all 5 Levels.

**LOG YOUR READING TIME & CHALLENGES** Choose how to log: either on this paper log sheet (print at home) or online at: [newarkpl.beanstack.org](http://newarkpl.beanstack.org).

Earn **PRIZES** every time you complete a level.

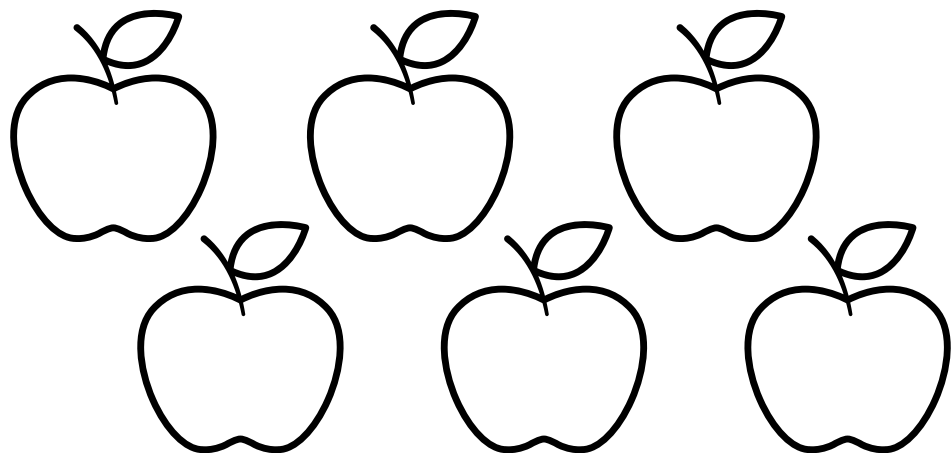
Enter **RAFFLES** every time you complete a level for a chance to win the **GRAND PRIZE**.

## How to Play

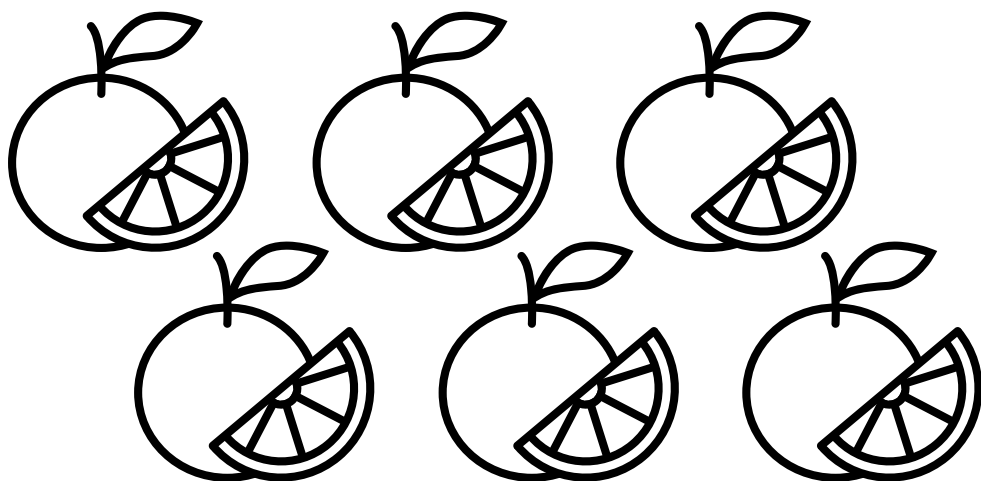
Color in one shape for every 20 min. you read.  
Optional Reading Challenges are on the back!

### The Levels:

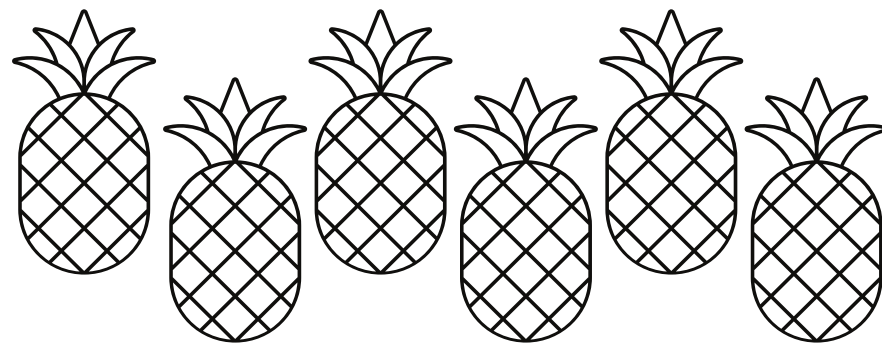
Level 1: Read 2 hours



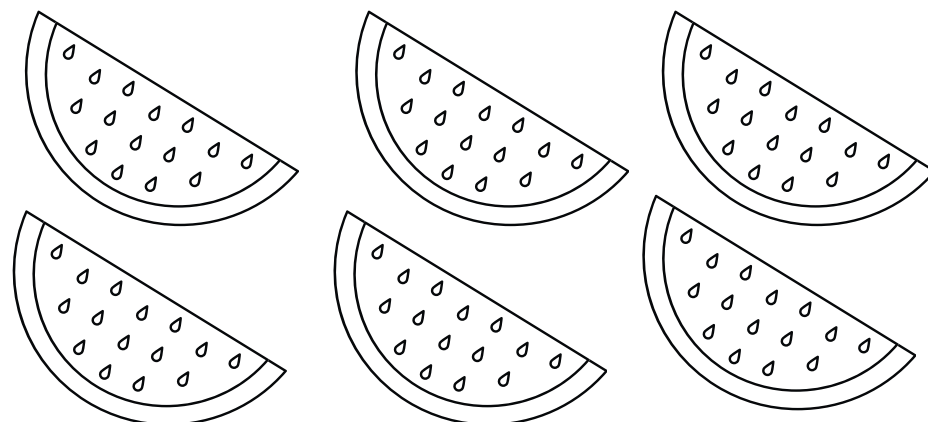
Level 2: Complete Level 1 and read 2 additional hours (4 hours total)



Level 3: Complete Level 2 and read 2 additional hours (6 hours total)



Level 4: Complete Level 3 and read 2 additional hours (8 hours total)



Level 5: Complete Level 4 and read 2 additional hours (10 hours total)

