

SUE WALTON'S PRESENTATION

LEVELED READERS: SYSTEM USED AT RHPL

LEVEL 1: RED

- one line of print and a few words on each line
- 17-20 point type: **sixteen** and **twenty**
- same words used over and over
- text placement is generally the same from page to page
- most words are easy, high frequency words (a, the, an, is)
- pictures tell the story as well as support the words
- plot focuses on a single idea or simple story line

LEVEL 2: YELLOW

17- 20 point type or smaller

- Sentences are longer and more sentences on a page
- Stories are set in the "here and now", along with some animals and fantasy
- Pictures enhance the story, not tell it
- Dialog is frequently included
- Full range of punctuation in sentences
- Varied sentence structure

LEVEL 3: GREEN

- more words and lines of print on each page
- can be beginning chapter books, story has several simple but repeated episodes
- print may be large and readable, or smaller font
- sentences are longer and may carry over from page to page
- illustration are not as frequent and are incidental to story
- more complex language and ideas

PHONICS: BLUE

- may have a story line or not
- focus is on words and sounds
- type size may be **eighteen** to **twenty four** or maybe smaller