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LEXILE LEVEL CHART		
Approximate Grade Level	Lexile – Level Ranges	Sample Books
Grade 2	300 – 600	Miss Nelson is Missing (Allard, 340)
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Grade 4	600 – 900	The Big Wave (Buck, 790) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Rowling, 880)
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