

2021

# Teacher's Guide

Read Me FIRST!



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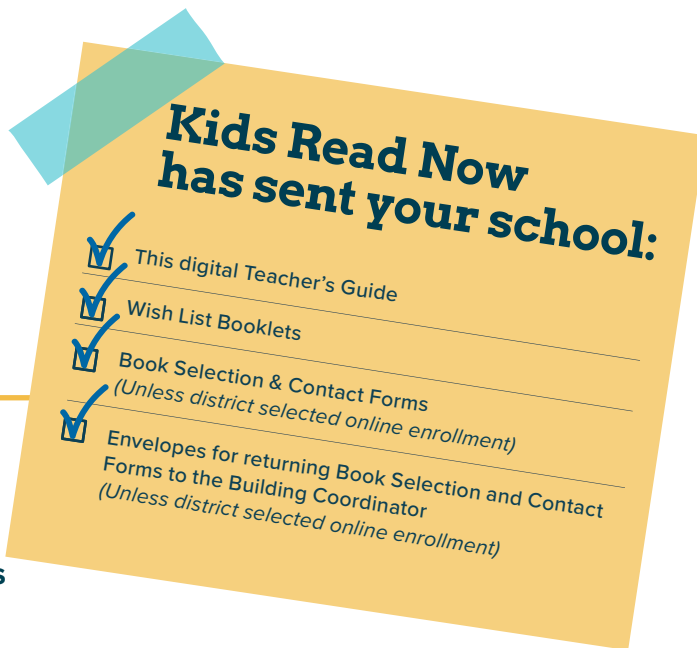
Read. Report. Repeat. Results.

Each of your students can receive up to

**9 FREE BOOKS**

over the summer.

And, they can keep them forever!



## What is Kids Read Now (KRN)?

Kids Read Now manages summer reading programs for hundreds of schools all across the country.

KRN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission of eliminating the summer reading slide.

## How to Select Books

### 1. With your students:

- Help each student select and circle the 8 books in the Wish List that they want to read, according to their reading ability and interests.

### 2. After the children have chosen their books:

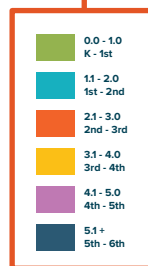
- Distribute book selection forms and contact forms to students or visit [portal.kidsreadnow.org](http://portal.kidsreadnow.org)
- Have each student bubble in the circle next to the 8 books they want using pen or pencil.
- If you are enrolling students online, have each student enter the provided class code and select their name. They will then be able to submit their books!
- Keep the Book Selection Form at school.  
**DO NOT Send It Home.**

### 3. If applicable, return the Book Selection Forms to your Building Coordinator (the educator in charge of KRN in your building) by the deadline. Use the envelope provided.

### 4. After the student's Book Selection Form is completed, send the Wish List Booklet home. Guardians can see the 8 books their student has selected. Then, they should fill out the Contact Information Form and return it to school by the deadline. If your district selected online enrollment, they should complete contact information online.

## The Wish List Includes

- A detailed description of the Kids Read Now program.
- 100+ descriptions and images of each title offered.
- AR, Lexile, F&P, and GR Levels (when available).
- **Icons to indicate Multicultural, Bilingual, part of a Series/Collection, Fiction/Nonfiction, Multiethnic, Award Winning Book or Author, and Student Favorites.**
- **Color-coded AR levels** for easy selection.



The Wish List Booklet should be sent home after the Book Selection Form is completed at school.

- Bilingual**  
These books are written in both English and Spanish.
- Series**  
These books are part of a series or collection.
- Fiction/Nonfiction**  
This marks the genre of a book.
- Multiethnic**  
These books feature characters of 2 or more ethnicities.
- Award Winner**  
These books and/or their authors have won awards.
- Student Favorite**  
These are books that students have enjoyed the most!

# Discovery Sheets

Every book has a Discovery Sheet on the inside front cover. This sheet contains 4 questions designed to build reading comprehension.

- The Discovery Sheet also contains a unique **3-digit book code** and instructions for guardians on how to report that a book has been read.
- Students will be sent all eight self-selected books plus a ninth writing book over summer. If they report all 8 book codes, they will get a prize and certificate!
- Kids Read Now sends weekly reminders to guardians to report books.

**TIP:** You can download a Discovery Sheet from our website. Please go over a Discovery Sheet with your students and point out the book code. This way, they will be more familiar with the process when they go home for the summer.



# Contact Form

- Guardians should complete the Contact Form. Each student has a Contact Form with their preliminary information.
- Contact Forms should be collected and returned, in their envelope, to your Building Coordinator.



You and your students can also scan this QR code to be taken to online book selection.



# Multilingual App

Download the Kids Read Now App for easy access to your students' reading lists and reporting.

# Family Reading Event

- Your school will host a Family Reading Event before summer break. They will have the option of an in person or virtual event.
- Students and their families will receive their first book and a Parent Guide to learn how the program works.
- In conjunction with your Building Coordinator, you will need to make a plan to distribute books to students who are unable to attend the Family Reading Event.



# KRN Shows Results

Students who participate in Kids Read Now gain reading skills over summer! This means less re-teaching in the fall!

On average we find that:

- For each book a student read, they increased their reading score by 0.1 months of schooling.
- Students who participated previously in KRN scored about 1.4 months higher than their counterparts in fall testing.

# Guardians say their students read more after participating in KRN!

