

Scope at Home

Simple ideas to help your middle-schooler explore the power of reading!

Dear Family,

This year your child will receive *Scope*, a magazine published by Scholastic and created to help middle school students become strong and joyful readers. *Scope* features nonfiction, fiction, dramas, debates, infographics, poetry, and grammar. The magazine will come to the classroom eight times per year.

In class, students will use *Scope* to build reading, writing, and critical-thinking skills. You can play an important role at home in helping your son or daughter become a better reader. When your child brings the magazine home, here are a few ways you can enrich his or her learning:

1. Look through the magazine together.

Ask: Which articles did you read at school? Which one did you find most interesting? Why?

2. Read an article together, and have your son or daughter choose one new word from it.

He or she can then explain the word's meaning to the family. Have a competition to see who can use it the most in conversation!

3. Read the debate article together.

Ask: Which side do you agree with? Why?



With each issue, you will also get a letter featuring specific ideas for what you can do at home using the articles in that issue.

But most of all, enjoy spending time with your son or daughter while exploring the magazine. Even though your middle school student might be asserting more independence than in the past, reading together remains a wonderful activity to share. If English is not your first language, talk about the articles in the language you're most comfortable with.

We hope you'll look forward to seeing *Scope* when it comes home with your child, and that it becomes a welcome part of your family routine!

Sincerely,

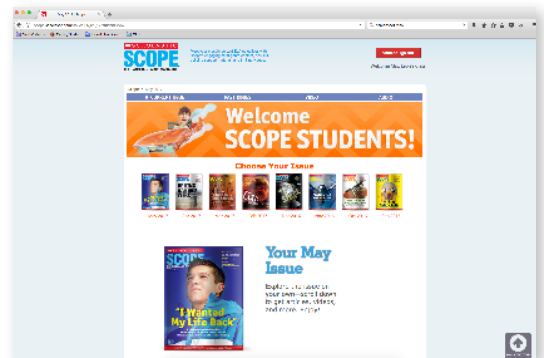
Your child's teacher and the editors of *Scope*

P.S. You can find even more great ways to use *Scope* with your child at Scope Online! Go to scope.scholastic.com and click Sign In. Then, click "I am a student." When prompted, enter the classroom password.

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At Scope Online, you can:

- Listen to an audio version of a story or an article while reading along in the magazine.
- Watch videos that go with the articles, and talk about what you find interesting.
- Review words with a vocabulary slideshow and a fun interactive activity.



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Today your child is bringing home the September 2017 issue of *Scope*. Ask your child what he or she learned from it in class! Look at the table of contents on page 2, and ask your child to point out a favorite article.

Here are some more activities you can do with the magazine at home to build your son's or daughter's reading and thinking skills:



- **Open to “Would You Get a Flip Phone?” on pages 10–11.**

Have your child read it aloud to you, or read it silently together. Discuss what you both think about how smartphones affect our lives.



- **Watch a video together for the nonfiction article “From War to America” on pages 4–9.**

This article tells the story of two teenage Syrian refugees living in the U.S. The topic is intense, but the boys' powerful story is one of hope and resilience. To build background knowledge, go to Scope Online together (scope.scholastic.com) and watch the video “Behind the Scenes: From War to America.”



- **Look at the Short Read “They Failed. (And So Can You.)” on pages 28–29 together.**

Discuss: Why should we be willing to fail?



As always, we hope you enjoy reading *Scope* as a family!

Sincerely,

Your child's teacher and the editors of *Scope*