

Scope at Home

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

Dear Family,

Today your child is bringing home the November 2017 issue of *Scope*. Ask your child what he or she learned from it! 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 at home to build your son's or daughter's reading and thinking skills:

- **Watch a video together for the nonfiction article "The Shattered Sky" on pages 4-10.**

Go to Scope Online (scope.scholastic.com) and watch the video "Behind the Scenes: The Shattered Sky." Ask your child to tell you more about the collision of two ships in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1917.



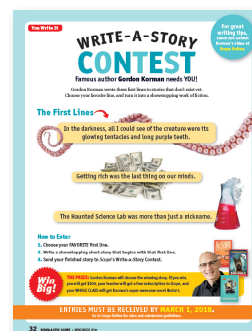
- **Read the science fiction story "What We Saw" on pages 20-25.**

Have your child read this original sci-fi story aloud to you, or read it silently together. Then read the accompanying informational text on pages 26-27 about the real science behind the search for alien life. Discuss: Are we alone in the universe?



- **Check out the annual "Write-a-Story" contest on the back cover.**

Author Gordon Korman wrote three first lines to stories that don't yet exist. Ask your child which line is his or her favorite. Then brainstorm ideas about how your child can use the line to begin a short story.



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

Sincerely,

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