

Scope at Home

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

Dear Family,

Today your child is bringing home the May 2019 issue of *Scope*, the final issue of the 2018-2019 school year. We hope you've enjoyed sharing the joy of reading *Scope* as a family.

Here are some activities you can do at home to build your child's reading and thinking skills with this issue:



- **Do a family read-aloud of *Fly Girl* on pages 11-17.**

This inspiring play tells the story of World War II WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) through the eyes of one young female pilot. Assign roles and read the play aloud as a family. Afterward, go to Scope Online (scope.scholastic.com) to explore an amazing collection of letters written by real WASPs.



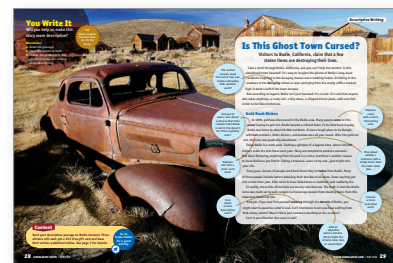
- **Check out the debate “Should He Get Paid?” on pages 24-27.**

Should college athletes get paid? Take turns with your child reading the article aloud to one another. Then have a conversation. What are your child's opinions on this issue? What are yours?



- **Use “Is This Ghost Town Cursed?” on pages 28-29 to help your child hone his or her descriptive writing skills.**

Have your child read aloud the passage about legends surrounding an abandoned town in Bodie, California. Then grab a pen and together follow the prompts in the circles to make the passage more descriptive. Read your final creation aloud. Does it make readers feel like they are IN the scene?



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

Sincerely,

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

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Dear Family,

This year, your child will receive *Scope*, a magazine published by Scholastic and created to help middle school students become strong, 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 with specific ideas for what you can do at home using the articles in that issue. But the most important thing is to simply 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 treasured 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.

The classroom password is

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 word meanings with a vocabulary slideshow and a fun interactive activity.

