

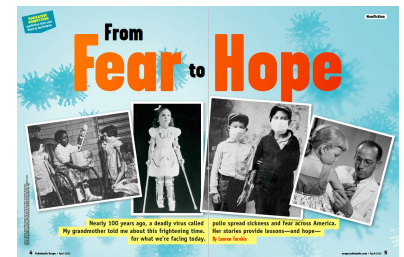


Dear Family,

Your child is currently reading the April 2021 issue of *Scope*. Below are some activities you can do at home to build your child's reading and thinking skills with this month's issue.

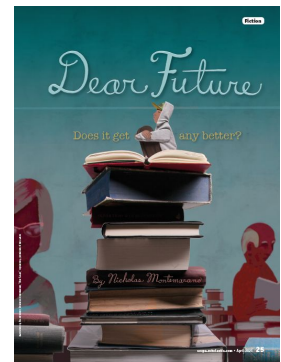
- **Make connections between polio and Covid-19.** —————→

In "From Fear to Hope," author Lauren Tarshis shares her grandmother's stories of what it was like to grow up during the polio outbreaks of the 1920s and '30s. Go to Scope Online (scope.scholastic.com) to listen to Tarshis read her article aloud. Afterward, discuss: What lessons and hope can we take away from Tarshis's article?



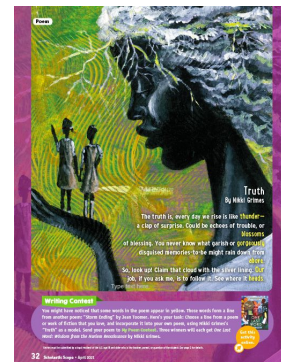
- **Read a touching coming-of-age story.** —————→

In "Dear Future" by Nicholas Montemarano, a surprising find at a used-book sale helps a boy navigate a tough period in his life. Take turns reading the story aloud to one another. Then discuss: Why did James's day get better? How do you think life changes from childhood to adulthood?



- **Read a poem, then write your own.** —————→

Read "Truth" by Nikki Grimes. You'll notice that some words in the poem appear in yellow. Those words form a line from another poem: "Storm Ending" by Jean Toomer. With your child, choose a line from a poem, song, or book that you both love, and incorporate it into your own poem. You may also want to create artwork as a background for the poem.



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

Sincerely,

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