

Dear Parents:

How can you help your middle schooler to become a better reader? Encourage him or her to make reading for pleasure a regular habit. This is not always the easiest task to undertake...students in middle school often prefer other activities to reading. You can support your child in developing the reading habit by scheduling a regular time for reading each day, visiting bookstores and libraries together, and having reading discussions with your child.

Make this an enjoyable family routine...take the time to read together. Let your child see that you are a reader by regularly reading books, newspapers, or articles at home. Make visiting the library or bookstore a pleasant family field trip. Share your excitement about reading by talking about the interesting things you have read about. Ask your child to share what he or she is reading with you.

The links on the website will lead you to some resources that can help you with the challenging task of getting your child hooked on reading...

### **Booklists...**

**Middle Grades Reading Network High Interest:** *This booklist gives titles of high interest/low readability books. The titles are organized by reading grade level. You can use the MAP-R information you received about your child to determine his or her reading level. For students who are struggling to develop reading skills, these books offer students a chance to read something they will enjoy that is not too difficult for their current level of skills.*

**Books for Advanced Middle Grades Readers:** *This booklist gives titles of books for advanced middle grades readers. These books offer advanced readers a chance to read challenging material.*

**Great Books for Younger Teens:**

**101 out of this world books:** *These booklists give titles and brief descriptions of popular reading choices for middle grade readers. Students can read over the book descriptions to select titles of interest.*

**Middle School Book List:** *This list of books is organized by topic to help middle school readers select reading materials that is of interest to them.*

[Newberry Medal Books:](#) *This booklist gives the Newberry Medal winners and honor books for each year from 1922-2007. The Newberry Medal is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children for a given year.*

[Books for 10-12 year olds too good to miss:](#) *This booklist lists popular books for middle school readers.*

### **Developing reading skills at home...**

[Read any good books lately:](#) *This page offers helpful tips and online resources for parents*

[Newspapers in education:](#) *This resource gives suggestions for activities using the newspaper to build reading skills.*

[At home comprehension activities:](#) *Here are 10 ideas for helping students to deepen their comprehension of the books they read.*

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about your child's reading. I am here to support you...we are partners in your child's reading development!

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