



Skyview Middle School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Happy days of summer are here, the endless sun, carefree days of doing what you want! Relaxing with a great book or sitting down to write something by choice is a GREAT way to encourage your student to keep their reading performance level up!

When school starts in August, all students at Skyview Middle School will take the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) to measure their Lexile level. A seventh grade student's Performance Lexile should be 970-1120, and an eighth grade student's Lexile should be 1010-1185. If your child's Lexile level is below the levels for his/her grade, he/she may be assigned a reading class to help improve his/her level. Spending some time reading this summer prevents the "Summer Slide" in academics.

Some tips for preventing the "Summer Slide" are:

- 1) Visit our beautiful Soldotna Public Library! Help your child find a book that has a high interest to them! You can do the five-finger test to determine if the book is a "good fit". Open the book to a page with many words. Have your student begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, it may be a text too difficult to read independently. You can choose to read that book with your child!
- 2) Check out a book on **Overdrive!** This is the KPBSD digital library! Your student already has access to this wealth of online books and audiobooks! You can go through the KPBSD website, or put the Overdrive app on a hand held device! Students log into KPBSD's Overdrive library using their school computer username and password.
- 3) Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling items are a fun way to incorporate reading into everyday activities.
- 4) Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples or Balderdash improves vocabulary.
- 5) Battle of the Books is a competition that is open to all Skyview students. Here is the web address of the books your child can read to get ahead! <http://www.akla.org/akasl/bb/bbhome.html>

Once again, please encourage your child to read over the summer; together, we can accelerate reading growth. Have a happy and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

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