



# FCMS Literacy Information

**Welcome to FCMS Reading University.  
Ideas and Resources to Encourage Middle School Literacy Skills**

**Help your child see that reading is important. Don't let them simply say "I don't like to read." Search for materials that are of interest to them.**

**Set up a reading area in your home with books and materials that are of interest to your child.**

**Encourage your child to write by providing writing materials.**

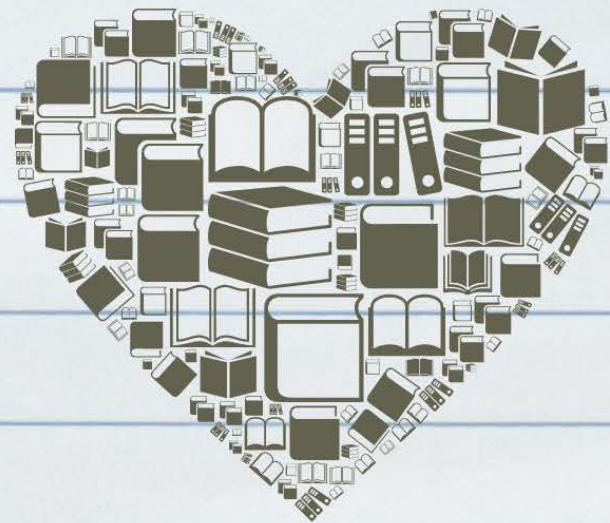
**Talk to your children. Ask them to describe in detail the daily events in their lives.**

**Regulate screen time: know what your child is watching and monitor social media activity.**

**Keep track of your children's progress in school.**

*Source: America Reads Challenge, U.S. Department of Education  
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**Middle schoolers  
should  
read  
at least  
20 minutes  
a day.**



**The FCMS Media Center is a fantastic resource in helping students find books of their interest. Ask Mr. Moat and Mrs. Jarrett for great reading ideas.**

**"You can't be a good writer without being a devoted reader."**

**—J.K. Rowling**

FYI: Your child can  
"purchase" brand new  
books in the FCMS Media  
Center Book Vending  
Machine for only FOUR  
Rebel Passes each!



### Online Resources:

<https://www.ratatype.com/>  
[Merriam-Webster.com  
 storyjumper.com/parents](https://www.merriam-webster.com/storyjumper.com/parents)  
[https://www.activelylearn.com/  
 teachingbooks.net](https://www.activelylearn.com/teachingbooks.net)  
[getepic.com](https://www.getepic.com) (read one free book daily)  
[scholastickidspress.com](https://www.scholastickidspress.com)  
[sikids.com](https://www.sikids.com)  
[abcya.com](https://www.abcya.com)  
[storylineonline.net](https://www.storylineonline.net)

## Reading Matters

*Teaching Children the Value of the  
Written Word*

In today's digital world it is more important than ever to  
instill in our children a love of reading  
and its impact on their future.

**20 Billion Dollars**

Annual cost of illiteracy to businesses  
and taxpayers in the U.S.



**7000**

High School students  
drop out daily on  
average; illiteracy is the  
main cause

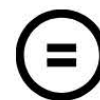


3/4ths of those on welfare are illiterate



3/5ths of inmates are illiterate

**46%**  
of U.S. adults  
read literature



**10%**  
decrease in  
adult readers in  
just 10 years

*The steepest decline in literary reading is in the youngest age groups.*

Literacy corresponds with a child's future ability to:



Attain personal  
fulfillment



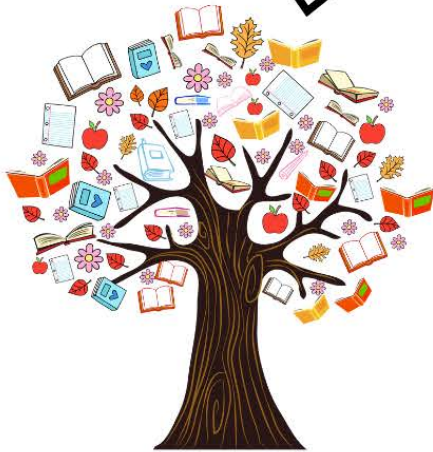
Be understood and  
taken seriously



Take part in and understand  
our government



Earn a higher salary and succeed in a chosen career path.



With each year's Ga.  
Milestones ELA score your  
child receives a Lexile Score  
for reading. Check out the  
following website to learn  
more about Lexiles and how  
they can be used to pair your  
child with books:  
[https://lexile.com/parents-  
students/](https://lexile.com/parents-students/)

