

LEXILE SCORES

Dear Parent or Guardian,

You will receive a copy of your child's most recent NWEA testing report in the near future. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief description of the Lexile score that is located in the upper right-hand corner of the report.

The table at the right represents approximate Lexile Level ranges for each grade. For example, students in Grade 6 generally read books with a Lexile Range between 850L and 1050L. It is based on the Lexile Framework for Reading, which is a scale for measuring student reading levels. Lexile scores help teachers and parents determine appropriate independent reading material for students as well as track their reading growth. Additional information about Lexile scores can be found at <http://www.lexile.com>.

Grade	Lexile Level
1	200L – 400L
2	300L – 500L
3	500L – 700L
4	650L – 850L
5	750L – 950L
6	850L – 1050L
7	950L – 1075L
8	1000L – 1100L
9	1050L – 1150L
10	1100L – 1200L
11 and 12	1100L – 1300L

The middle school years are when your child really becomes a competent reader, writer and learner. The following activities are suggestions from the International Reading Association for supporting your child's reading at home.

Activities To Help Your Teenager Grow as a Reader

- Be active in your teenager's school learning.
- Provide opportunities that encourage learning in the home.
- Help your teenager find their strengths and encourage him or her to use and build on them.
- Participate in school activities and talk to your teenager about these experiences.
- Give your teenager gifts of writing materials and books that interest him or her.
- Remind your teenager about the importance of using libraries and the Internet to gain useful information.
- Talk about newspaper articles and books you read.
- Read the same books or articles independently, then talk about them together.
- Write each other letters and notes.
- Regularly communicate to your teenager about the importance of education.
- Encourage your teenager to share their learning successes and problems with you.

I hope this letter helps you better understand your child's reading performance and how you can support his or her reading success at home.