

English Language Arts

Dear Families,

This document is intended to provide you with the continuous progress of middle school reading expectations for English Language Arts.

Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)

This assessment provides us with a snap shot of your child as a reader and will determine a Lexile score for your student. The score will be used to calculate your child's targeted reading range. Their targeted Lexile range is 100 points below their current Lexile to 50 points above their current Lexile.

For example: My Lexile score is 900

My targeted reading range is 800 to 950

This assessment is given three times a year—beginning, middle, and end of year.

Our end-of-the-year Lexile expectations are:

6th grade

800 or higher

7th grade

850 or higher

8th grade

900 or higher

**To be college and career ready at the end of high school the Lexile expectation is 1300.

Scholastic Reading Counts (SRC)

In order to maximize your child's growth as a reader, they should read materials in their targeted range as often as possible. Just like physical exercise, the more children read in their targeted reading range, the stronger readers they will become. Your child will be asked to read texts within their targeted Lexile range **independently** throughout their middle school experience. After the completion of a book, they must pass the Scholastic Reading Counts quiz with a score of 70% or higher. They have two attempts to pass a quiz and must wait 24 hours before retaking. Once passed with 70% comprehension or better they may not retake. All quizzes must be taken during school hours on campus. The expectations for each grade level are as follows:

6th Grade

1st Trimester - 1 self-selected novel read independently

2nd Trimester - 1 self-selected novel read independently and 1 genre novel assigned by your teacher

3rd Trimester - 1 self-selected novel read independently and 1 genre novel assigned from the teacher's collection

7th Grade

1st Trimester – 2 self-selected novels read independently

2nd Trimester – 1 self-selected novel read independently and 1 biography/autobiography/memoir assigned from the teacher's collection

3rd Trimester – 1 biography, 1 Holocaust biography/autobiography/memoir assigned from the teacher's collection and 1 mystery assigned from the teacher's collection

8th Grade

1st Trimester - 1 self-selected novel read independently and 1 realistic fiction novel assigned from teacher's collection

2nd Trimester- At least 1 self-selected novel read independently, 1 science fiction novel assigned from teacher's collection, and 1 shared novel

3rd Trimester - 1 self-selected novel read independently, 1 historical fiction novel assigned from teacher's collection, and 1 assigned informational text

How can I find books to help my student?

There are two options for finding the Lexile of a book and determining if it has an SRC quiz associated with it. Destiny Quest will allow you to search all SJPS libraries for Lexile information and quiz status. Scholastic E-catalog allows you to search any personally owned books for Lexile information and quiz status. You can access both of these databases by going to: <http://sjredwings.info/ms>