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Keep Your Middle Schooler Interested in Reading

As your preteen transitions to their teenage years, reading is still very important for your child's growth academically. Students should develop a reading routine into their busy schedule. Reading can help students to balance the tensions of adolescence, a time that they can escape for a short time, and a time of personal calm. Some tips to help keep your teenager reading are list below.

- Let the Child choose reading material
- Read news together
- Provide magazines that interest them
- Talk about what they're reading
- Visit the Library or bookstore together
- Provide access to audiobooks
- Model Reading
- Leave reading material in the car
- Let them try out multiple formats of a book
- Explore books based on popular media
- Encourage them to read to younger siblings
- Take reading outside this summer



"It doesn't always have to be a fantasy novel full of magic and larger-than-life characters," Doss Worosylo says, "but a story that gives students a chance to dissolve into a new world, to keep wondering, 'What will happen next?' or to give them a place to disappear from daily life."

Christmas in Lights Family Engagement

On December 18th and the 19th, students and their families were invited to participate in a scavenger hunt family engagement at the city park. Afterschool programs purchased a tree to decorate for the community event. Families enjoyed strolling through the park with each other seeing all the Christmas beauty. As families finished the scavenger hunt they took an exit survey and receive a few gifts and tickets for hot chocolate and a cookie for participating.



Miracle on 34th Street

On December 9, 2023, STEPS students traveled to the Springboro, Ohio to the La Comedia Dinner Theatre to enjoy the play *Miracle on 34th Street*. The students were in awe of the theatre and the ornate woodwork in the front room. Children enjoy the buffet with all the many dishes to choose from. Lights went out and the play began. The play kept the students interest all the way to the end. Intermission was a time to explore the building and talk about the experience. The students enjoyed this experience and will never forget it.



Driver Education

The STEPS Afterschool program offers the Driver's Education written course to students that are 15 and 1/2 years of age. The written course is through an online course called Aceble. If students attend 30 days or more of the afterschool program they will receive their driving course for free through AAA. A parent meeting is held at the beginning of each semester to inform the parents of the this cost saving opportunity.

