



“Playaway Pairs”

Take Your Reading to the Next Level

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am pleased to make you aware of a great opportunity for our students at Lehigh Area Middle School Library. We have the latest reading technology for students to use. They are called Playaways, a small i-pod like device that is a pre-loaded audio book that can enhance your child's reading. Each Playaway is housed in the library closet. Titles from a variety of genres and levels are available. I wanted to clearly communicate the “checkout expectations” with students and parents.

Students are generally very responsible with returning their library materials and handling them with care. If a book is damaged, the student is expected to reimburse the book's monetary value. This guideline will be the same for print books associated with the “Playaway Pairs”. The actual Playaway range in price from \$34.95 to \$74.95. If a Playaway is damaged beyond repair while checked out to a student—this could include, but not limited to, stepping on it or losing the unit—the student will be expected to pay the monetary value. Each Playaway will be checked out in a protective case resembling a VHS case. “Playaway Pairs” will be loaned out on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are not expected to replace the battery, but are welcome to do so with a parent supervision and permission. Replacement AAA batteries are available in the Library.

For hygienic reasons, students are expected to use their own headphones or “earbuds” at school and at home. Each case includes an enclosure describing how to operate the Playaway. The rate of reading or speed can be adjusted to meet your child's needs. **Please encourage your child to read the printed book while enjoying the Playaway.**

“Playaway Pairs” are excellent tools to support our children's literary development. **If you are in agreement with the responsibilities described, please indicate your permission by signing the bottom portion of this paper and returning it to Mrs. Tite in the middle school library.** Please keep the letter for your records. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at rtite@lehigh.org. **Isn't it amazing how the printed book and today's technology can work hand-in hand?!? ENJOY!!!!**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tite

PLAYAWAY PERMISSION

We have read the above letter and agree to the check-out expectations and responsibilities

DATE _____

STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

STUDENT NUMBER AND HOMEROOM

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
