

## SKINNER STUDENT SURVEYS ON READING ATTITUDES

In September 2013 we administered a twenty-question survey to fifteen eighth-graders at Skinner Middle School in Denver Public Schools. We gave this survey again in May 2014 and have recorded the results below. Attitudes toward reading among these students increased in all twenty categories.

Students were asked to respond to these questions on a scale of one to four; one meaning they loved it, four meaning they hated it. The lower the score, the better the attitude. Responses are given as an average of the seventeen students' answers to these questions:

1. How do you feel when you read a book on a rainy Saturday? **Increase of 41%**  
September responses: 3.4  
May responses: 2.4
2. How do you feel when you read a book in school during free time? **Increase of 20%**  
September responses: 3.53  
May responses: 2.93
3. How do you feel about reading for fun at home? **Increase of 10%**  
September responses: 3.66  
May responses: 3.33
4. How do you feel about getting a book for a present? **Increase of 14%**  
September responses: 3.73  
May responses: 3.26
5. How do you feel about spending free time reading a book? **Increase of 30%**  
September responses: 3.66  
May responses: 2.8
6. How do you feel about starting a new book? **Increase of 8%**  
September responses: 2.73  
May responses: 2.53
7. How do you feel about reading during summer vacation? **Increase of 39%**  
September responses: 3.8  
May responses: 2.73
8. How do you feel about reading instead of playing? **Increase of 22%**  
September responses: 3.93  
May responses: 3.2
9. How do you feel about going to a bookstore? **Increase of 16%**  
September responses: 3.26  
May responses: 2.8

10. How do you feel about reading different kinds of books? **Increase of 30%**  
September responses: 3.13  
May responses: 2.4
11. How do you feel when a teacher asks you questions about what you read? **Increase of 32%**  
September responses: 3.53  
May responses: 2.66
12. How do you feel about reading workbook pages and worksheets? **Increase of 55%**  
September responses: 3.73  
May responses: 2.4
13. How do you feel about reading in school? **Increase of 21%**  
September responses: 3.46  
May responses: 2.86
14. How do you feel about reading your schoolbooks? **Increase of 18%**  
September responses: 3.46  
May responses: 2.93
15. How do you feel about learning from a book? **Increase of 23%**  
September responses: 3.2  
May responses: 2.6
16. How do you feel when it's time for reading in class? **Increase of 22%**  
September responses: 3.66  
May responses: 3.00
17. How do you feel about stories you read in reading class? **Increase of 17%**  
September responses: 3.2  
May responses: 2.73
18. How do you feel when you read out loud in class? **Increase of 31%**  
September responses: 3.6  
May responses: 2.73
19. How do you feel about using a dictionary? **Increase of 10%**  
September responses: 2.86  
May responses: 2.6
20. How do you feel about taking a reading test? **Increase of 29%**  
September responses: 3.8  
May responses: 2.93