

ACCELERATED READER INFORMATION - 2016 -2017

There are changes for Accelerated Reader (AR) this year.

- ❖ First, we only renewed the AR part and not the reading assessment part (STAR) because of the high cost of it.
- ❖ Secondly, for meeting the goals each nine weeks, students will receive both Game Time and Outside Play Time.
- ❖ Third, if they meet portions of the goals, students will receive portions of the rewards.

GAME TIME



OUTSIDE PLAY TIME



1st nine week period is from August 9 - October 7

2nd nine week period is from October 11 - December 16

3rd nine week period is from January 3 - March 10

4th nine week period is from March 13 - April 7 (shortened)

(Dates may be adjusted according to calendar changes)

Key Points

- The books a student reads may be from anywhere
- The book must have a quiz in order to test on it
- The student cannot repeat a test unless given permission
- Quizzes may be taken every day in the library or classroom
- Quizzes are NOT taken at home – it is against our contract with the company
- Providing time for reading at home encourages a lifetime love of reading
- Reading time is provided each day at school
- All points begin with “0” at the 2016 - 2017 school year.
- Teachers may have their own AR requirements and rewards.
- The 10 Top Point Earners and All Nine Week Achievers will receive additional benefits at the end of the school year!

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How can I tell how well my child is doing?

On the school's web page under **QUICK LINKS** is a link for **Home Connect** where you can monitor your child's progress toward his or her goals. You can also sign up for emails when your child has taken a reading quiz. Goals won't show up on Home Connect unless a student has taken at least one test for the marking period. The user name and password is the same one the student uses at school.

How will I know what books have quizzes?

On the school's web page under **QUICK LINKS** is a link for **AR Bookfinder** that tells if a book has a quiz and the number that goes with it. The site also suggests books on your child's interest and reading level. AR Bookfinder adds new quizzes each week.

What are the points used for?

Points earned will be translated into a dollar value depending upon grade level (points rounded) used at the AR store (variety of prizes - toys, pencils, gadgets, coupons such as lunch in the library and at the Book Fair; limits may be imposed at the AR store and Book Fair for extremely high point earners.

Can tests be deleted to help a student achieve his or her goals?

To help students **achieve their average percent goal**, after a student achieves his or her individual point goal, **failed** tests will be deleted based on the following guidelines: 2nd grade – maximum 4 tests deleted; 3rd grade – maximum 3 tests deleted; 4th grade – maximum 2 tests deleted, 5th grade – maximum 1 test deleted. **Low performing tests will not be deleted and can harm a student's average percent correct – so the child should be confident they understand and remember the content of the book before attempting the test!**

Can a student's goals be adjusted?

A student, parent, or teacher can communicate with Mrs. Yoke about adjusting the student's goals for various reasons or deleting specific tests.

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a computer program that encourages children's independent reading practice to increase comprehension and reading skills. Your child picks a book at his/her assigned level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.)

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