

Accelerated Reader Program

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Dear Parents,

This year the children in Grades 1-8 will again be using a computerized reading enrichment program called Accelerated Reader.

The goal is to have children read more, and to select better books. As a result, your child will become a better reader and a better student.

Your child chooses a book from selected literature books. The books are available in our school library. Each book has been evaluated as to reading level and length. Based on those two factors, each book is assigned a point value, i.e. 5 points, 8 points, etc. After reading the book, your child goes to the computer at school and takes a test. The test measures comprehension of the book. Your child will receive a given number of points for reading the book. Points are based on the point value of the book and his/her score on the test.

The Accelerated Reader Program keeps track of the student's performance and generates a report of reading progress. A computer printout of your child's reading progress will be sent home every quarter to keep you informed. We hope to get children to read more books!

The children are encouraged to read books at their reading level. The child does not benefit greatly from reading books below his/her level just to acquire the required points.

A time schedule is printed below to aid the child in his/her planning.

Quarter due dates: Oct. 26, Jan. 12, March 15, May 18.

Grading Scale:

Grade 2	A = 5.0	B = 4.0	C = 3.0	D = 2.0	F = 1.0
Grade 3	A = 7.0	B = 6.0	C = 5.0	D = 4.0	F = 3.0
Grade 4	A = 11.0	B = 9.0	C = 7.0	D = 5.0	F = 3.0
Grade 5	A = 17.0	B = 14.0	C = 11.0	D = 8.0	F = 5.0
Grade 6	A = 23.0	B = 20.0	C = 17.0	D = 14.0	F = 11.0
Grade 7	A = 29.0	B = 26.0	C = 23.0	D = 20.0	F = 17.0
Grade 8	A = 29.0	B = 26.0	C = 23.0	D = 20.0	F = 17.0

Other options within the program include an AR test that may be taken from a book that was orally read to the class. Each quarter a student may have one failed AR test deleted from their file. This is only under the condition that they reread the book and then retake the test within that quarter. The reason for this is that the student may have misunderstood a series of questions or miscomprehended a section of the book. A teacher must supervise the second test and the AR test must be read aloud by the student. To encourage success for all students, reading contracts will be monitored by teachers. Students in grades 3-5 will be required to read 15 pages six days a week. Students in grades 6-8 will be required to read 20 pages six days a week. This procedure provides daily guidance as well as the opportunity to participate in any incentive party whether or not the student has achieved a C or higher.

Together, we can make reading fun!

The Faculty