

K-5 ACCELERATED READER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2019-2020

Accelerated Reader ("A.R.") is a motivational reading program that is designed to encourage students to practice their reading skills. AR does not replace our reading curriculum. In fact, it combines reading and technology in a way that motivates students to read from a variety of quality books and then take a computerized quiz. Initially, students will take the STAR reading test in grades 1-5 to determine their reading "zone". This is the reading range from which they should be selecting books for optimal growth in reading. It spans reading levels that are appropriately challenging for reading practice. Once their "zone" is determined the students must take AR quizzes in their "Zone" and/or reading range. We want to encourage the proficient readers to select books that have appropriate content and challenging vocabularies. Exceptions to this rule can be made by the classroom teacher for students with a reading level that matches non-chapter books. Each book is assigned a point value accordingly. When a student finishes an AR book (or it has been read to him aloud), they can take the accompanying computer test, either in the computer lab, library or in the classroom. If the student passes the quiz, he/she will earn points that enable them to receive different reading incentives. In kindergarten and first grade there will be no grades given for AR. However, grades 2-5th students will be graded twice per nine week period. For the students in the Advanced Academics program please check with your child's teacher for specific grading policy.

A comprehensive list of all AR books can be found at: www.arbookfind.com. Parents and students can access the Ronald M. Nickerson Media Center's catalog of books using the Destiny Catalog which can be found on the Air Base website through the Media Center tab. Thank you for working with us as we institute this school-wide A.R. program. On behalf of the entire faculty, staff, and students, we appreciate your shared commitment towards literacy!

Please adhere to the following procedures for taking AR quizzes:

- Books should be read **PRIOR** to taking an AR test.
- The Media Center will be available to students during Early Bird Hours. 7:50-8:20. Early Bird hours are available to ALL students.
 - Kindergarten, first and second grade students must be accompanied by a volunteer reading support team member. Volunteer reading support team members will pick up students ready to take AR quizzes from the cafeteria, escort them to the media center, assist students in the media center and finally safely escort students to their designated area in the cafeteria.
 - Third-fifth grade students **MUST** have an AR/LIBRARY PASS from Coach Romano to enter the Media Center. There will be a designated number of passes available each day. As students complete AR quizzes they are to return to the PE court in order to allow other students to visit the media center.
- Books are **not** allowed to be used while taking the test. It is suggested that the primary grades K-2 bring their reading log that contains the title and author.
- A maximum of 2 tests are allowed, per sitting.
- **No testing in the Media Center after dismissal.**
- ALL students have access to AR testing in their Reading/ Language Arts classes. Kindergarten students will be testing in the Computer Lab and Media Center, during school hours for the 1st nine weeks during this transition phase.

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Points & Incentives

Students in grades 1-5 will have individualized goals based on individual STAR results. Students will take the STAR reading assessment early in the quarter to identify the grade level equivalency (GE) and Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) to determine the number of points needed to make the quarterly goal. This chart shows an estimated number of points students are expected to earn based on the individual GE and ZPD. Students are required to complete 30 minutes of daily reading. Please note this chart is an estimation. Individual reports with your child's reading range and expected point goals will be sent home after they have completed the STAR test by the teacher.

Grade Equivalent Score	Suggested ZPD	30 minutes Daily Reading	
		Points per week	Points per 9 weeks
0.5	0.5-0.9	0.5	5.0
1.0	1.0-2.0	0.9	7.5
1.5	1.5-2.5	1.0	8.5
2.0	2.0-3.0	1.1	9.5
2.5	2.3-3.3	1.2	10.5
3.0	2.6-3.6	1.3	11.5
3.5	2.8-4.0	1.4	12.0
4.0	3.0-4.5	1.4	12.5
4.5	3.2-5.0	1.6	14.5
5.0	3.4-5.4	1.8	16.00

Grade Equivalent Score	Suggested ZPD	30 minutes Daily Reading	
		Points per week	Points per 9 weeks
5.5	3.7-5.7	2.0	17.0
6.0	4.0-6.1	2.1	19.5
6.5	4.2-6.5	2.3	20.5
7.0	4.3-7.0	2.5	22.0
7.5	4.4-7.5	2.77	24.0
8.0	4.5-8.0	2.8	25.0
9.0	4.6-9.0	3.2	28.5
10.0	4.7-10.0	3.5	31.0
11.0	4.8-11.0	3.8	34.0
12.0	4.9-12.0	4.2	37.5

Kindergarten Students ONLY

Kindergarten students will be introduced to the AR program in the first quarter. The first quarter will be considered a practice quarter. The required program will begin during the second quarter of the school year. Kindergarten students will have a set goal of 5 points each quarter.

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Students that meet their individualized nine weeks goal will receive special recognition from their teachers, the PTA, as well as from the A.R. Committee. Students must earn a specified amount of points each marking period with an overall average of 80% or higher. The points for the 4th marking period may be reduced due to students not having a full nine week marking period to meet their goal.

	1 st Nine Weeks	2 nd Nine Weeks	3 rd Nine Weeks	4 th Nine Weeks
GOALS MUST BE MET BY:	Thursday, October 24	Thursday, January 16	Thursday, March 20	Friday, May 22
(Incentive date & Hosted by)	Thursday, November 8 MEDIA CENTER	Friday, January 31 MEDIA CENTER	Friday, April 17 MEDIA CENTER	Monday, June 1 PTA

- *These points and dates are subject to change with notice.*
- *Grades 3-5 have a requirement of 3 books/tests minimum.*

Checking Progress at Home

HOME CONNECT is a tool that connects school and home to keep parents informed of their child's progress toward their Accelerated Reader goal. It also allows parents to:

- View the books that have been read and tested throughout their school years at Air Base K-8.
- View all words a child has learned through *Vocabulary Practice Quizzes*.
- Access an online search tool, *AR BookFind.com*, to search for books using various criteria, including author, subject, or reading level.
- Receive emails that reveal results for *Reading Practice Quizzes* and *Vocabulary Practice Quizzes*, as well as provide links to the website where they can check progress.

To access **Home Connect** please go to: <https://hosted369.renlearn.com/311271/HomeConnect>

The login information is the same that your child uses at school.

EX: **Username:** (Student ID#) **Password:** (Students initials)