Accelerated Reader News

Welcome back! The start of a new school year is the perfect time to establish routines and habits that will lead to success. We believe that Accelerated Reader (AR) is a tool that can help in the development of these routines and habits when it comes to becoming a strong reader.

What is Accelerated Reader? It's a computer based program that teachers and parents can use to track students' independent progress with reading. At the same time, it's a motivational tool to encourage students to read to reach personalized, attainable goals.

So how does it work? Each student will complete the STAR test which assesses their current reading level. Based on that information, the student will be assigned a book level range within their zone of proximal development (ZPD) and a personal point goal to earn within the marking period. Students can then choose books to read within their book range. Each book has a point value that students can earn. After finishing a book, the student will take a short multiple-choice quiz which assesses the student's comprehension of the material. Students can earn all or part of the book's point value depending on their score. As we enter each marking period, the students will take the STAR test again and their goals will be adjusted based on their growth.

Each marking period there will be new and exciting incentives for students to earn by achieving their goals. To obtain the incentives, students will meet their personalized goals in 3 areas:

Percentage

The student must earn an average of 85% or higher on AR quizzes.

Book Level

The student must read at or above their assigned book level (within their ZPD).

Points

The student must meet or exceed their point goal.

Watch our school newsletter to find out more about the incentives. We look forward to a year full of fun and many reading adventures. Happy reading!