

Dear Parents.

Some of you have voiced a desire for further information concerning the Accelerated Reader Program. The following notes contain some ideas you may find helpful.

- The Accelerated Reader Program is an independent reading program that is used to reinforce comprehension lessons.
- Students read books on their own reading level and their interests.
- The STAR Reader test is given to determine the students' reading level.
- Students are encouraged to read carefully so they can comprehend and remember what they read.
- After completing books, students take quizzes at school.
- Students get points according to the percent of correct items on a quiz. Passing quizzes is necessary to get points.
- The students are given the goal of achieving an 85% average on all the quizzes taken in a quarter.
- Students are also given a personal goal of points to gain each quarter. This goal is determined by the STAR Reader test.
- As an incentive to encourage participation in the AR program, the students are challenged to work towards achieving the Wall of Fame each quarter.
- In order to achieve the Wall of Fame, students must achieve their point's goal plus grade level and an 80% average on all the quizzes taken during the quarter.
- The Accelerated Reader Program is web-based providing the students with access to more than 140,000 AR Quizzes.
- Students can check the availability of a quiz on any book read by using computers at school.
- Parents can check the availability of quizzes by accessing HomeConnect at <https://Hosted7.renlearn.com/96851/HomeConnect/Login.aspx> using the same AR user name and password the students use at school.
- HomeConnect can also provide parents with information about their students' progress.
- At HomeConnect MY OVERALL PROGRESS shows quiz averages, the number of points achieved, and the average reading level of books being read.
- Parents can view MY BOOK SHELF to see all the books students have read. Clicking on an individual book will provide the score achieved.
- AR BOOK FINDER at the bottom of the webpage will provide information on books for which quizzes are available. Check this often since new quizzes are added daily.

Hopefully this information will help both you and your children make the most of the Accelerated Reader Program which will help to make them better readers.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Barth