



Accelerated Reader

Guide for Parents

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program designed to encourage students to read. AR quizzes students' comprehension of books they have read using an online computer program.

Goals and Points

Your child's homeroom teacher, along with the AR Program, assigns a point goal to each student for each nine week grading period. The goal is based on the STAR Test (given at the beginning of each nine weeks), and the amount of time given to read in class each day combined with the child's individual abilities.

Many books in our library are marked with colored dots to indicate they have an AR quiz available. Each book has a point value which is the maximum number of points that can be earned if the student scores 100% on the quiz.

Accelerated Reader Rules

1. Students may not take quizzes on books that are more than one grade level below their reading level.
2. Before taking a quiz, students must read the entire book.
3. Students may not take a quiz if they have only "seen the movie".
4. Students may not help other students with AR quizzes.
5. No student may talk to other students while taking a quiz.
6. Students may only take quizzes in the library or in the computer lab with their teacher's permission.
7. AR quizzes should be taken within 24 hours of completing a book.

Where can my child take quizzes?

AR quizzes can only be taken at school. Students can take quizzes in the computer lab or in the library.

What if my child completes a book from home or another library?

If your child reads a book from home or at another library, please send the book or a note to school with the title and the author of the book.

Does my child have to answer every question correctly to get points?

To get the full amount of points available for that book, all questions must be answered correctly.

Is it OK to help my child?

Reading together is always encouraged! However, students must take quizzes on their own.

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Are there quizzes on books from home or the public library?

Yes! Our school subscribes to the online AR program; which means our students have access to every AR quiz available.

Visit <http://arbookfind.com> to see if your book has a quiz.

What happens when my child meets his/her AR goal?

There will be an AR party at the end of each nine weeks for the students who reach 100% of their point goal AND have at least 85% comprehension!

How can I find out my child's progress in AR?

Login to sycamoreeducation.com, click on AR Connect, then on Home Connect. Login with your child's username and password.

For more information about AR, contact your child's homeroom teacher or the elementary librarian.

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AR Parent Guide can be found here...

https://www.lsusd.net/cms/lib6/CA01001390/Centricity/Domain/717/A_parents_guide_to_Accelerated_reader.pdf

