



Accelerated Reader Information

Your child is currently checking out books from our school library that are part of the Accelerated Reader program. It is a reading comprehension strategy used to improve fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. It is one component of the third grade reading program.

Each Accelerated Reader book is marked with a yellow dot on the spine which tells the reading level of the text. Your child took the STAR test in library to determine a range for their individual reading level. It is ok to read outside of the range at times but your child will have more success with the testing if he/she tries to stay within the range. The books are assigned points depending on the difficulty of the text. A score of 80% or above is my requirement for passing a test. The points are then assigned based on the number of correctly answered questions. (For example for a book with 5 test questions, a student would have to answer at least 3 questions correctly for a score of 83%.)

First trimester, your child will be expected to check out books that are just right for them and test over those books. Depending on the level of the book, a good goal would be to read and test over **one book per week**. Of course some books will require more time, so discussing the reading pace of the book will be helpful if he/she is to meet the goal. Second and third trimester, we will be setting individual reading goals.

Your child will be logging the books they test over in a booklet kept at school. Please continue to ask your child about their progress with their AR testing.