

## Accelerated Reader at Carnelian Elementary

Accelerated Reader is a reading motivation tool. It is used all over the world in English and Spanish speaking countries. It is a school-wide program used in all grades and enthusiastically supported by students, staff, parents, and PTA. We have observed that the more our students practice reading in the correct reading zone (the Zone of Proximal Development or ZPD), the more their test-taking and reading comprehension skills improve. Your child's ZPD should go up when the students are re-tested several times a year. This demonstrates growth in their reading skill and comprehension.

Accelerated Reader is very simple: The student reads a book and then takes a quiz on the computer. If the student passes the quiz, he or she earns points based on points possible and the percentage correct. The points possible for a book are based on the length and complexity of the book. A computer program keeps track of the points earned. As points accumulate, the student reaches Certification Levels. Awards include getting a photo taken with the Principal and a special dog tag or trinket. The AR reading effort may be included in the student's trimester reading grade and in the discussion during trimester conferences.

This year we will be celebrating each Trimester Grade Level Goal with the students here on campus with a special activity. In order to qualify for the trimester goal activity, the student must reach the designated number of points by the announced deadline with a score of 80% or better on the comprehension quizzes. Each trimester is a fresh start, so if your child misses the grade level goal one trimester, they may try again the next.

Your child's teacher will assign an appropriate ZPD for your child, and check your child's reading level as it improves throughout the school year, based on a computerized placement and progress test by the same publisher as AR, called the STAR Reading Test. Your child's teacher will suggest weekly and monthly reading goals in terms of time and books. Students read at school and home, but can only take quizzes at school. You can check to find out if a book is on AR by using [arbookfind.com](http://arbookfind.com). You can monitor your child's progress by using Home Connect with their user name and password at the following website: <https://Hosted207.renlearn.com/711687/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>. You can also sign up to receive emails showing your child's quiz results.

**An explanation of the Certification Levels with your child's user name and password is on the back side of this sheet. Please keep it for your reference and to monitor your child's progress throughout the year.**

Accelerated Reader works! Students improve their reading and comprehension skills and develop a love of reading. We know it's working when we "catch" students reading whenever they get a chance. If you have questions about AR, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support!  
Carnelian Teachers

### Sample AR Book Label

<b>87269 EN</b> (Quiz # & Language) <b>Class from the Black Lagoon</b> (Title) <b>Thaler, Mike</b> (Author) <b>ATOS BL 3.5</b> (Book Level) <b>Points 0.5</b> (Points Possible)      (Interest Level) <b>LG</b>
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Student's name:

User Name:

Passcode:

## Accelerated Reader Certification Levels

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Date Accomplished

### Independent Reader Certification

Begin here with **10 points**  
(Kindergarten begins here with 5 points)

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Date Accomplished

### Super Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **15 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Advanced Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **25 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Cardinal Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **35 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Green Star Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **50 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Red Star Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **65 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Silver Star Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **80 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Gold Star Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **100 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Platinum Star Reader Certification

Read in your ZPD and earn **125 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Honors Reader

Read in your ZPD and earn **150 points**

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Date Accomplished

### Master Reader

Read in your ZPD and earn **200 points**

**The comprehension average percent correct needs to be at least 80% correct on quizzes taken to date in order for students to earn that certification level. Tests must be taken on books the student is currently reading.**