Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Oak Ridge is excited to announce that our school will continue participating in the Accelerated Reader™ (AR™) program.

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice.

Your child picks a book at his//her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives children, teachers, and parents feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

How does the school determine my child's reading level?

Teachers or librarians determine your child's reading level by administering a STAR Reading™ test. This assessment is given three times per year.

What is a **STAR Reading™ test**?

STAR Reading is a computerized reading assessment. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 15 minutes.

- This test will be given **three times** throughout the school year (at the end of each trimester).
- STAR results will be used as a progress-monitoring tool for students, parents, and teachers.

What is a **Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)**?

ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Your child will receive a ZPD range after taking a STAR Reading test. (See Attached)

What are points?

Every book that has an AR Reading Practice Quiz is given a point value. AR points are computed based on the difficulty of the book (readability level) and the length of the book (number of words).

Children earn points, or a portion of a book's points, depending on how well they do on the Reading Practice Quiz.

How will I know if a book has an AR quiz?

To know if a book has an AR quiz, you can:
- Visit the AR BookFinder™ website at www.arbookfind.com to conduct a search of all available books with AR quizzes.
- BookScanner App: iphone, iPad (Apple Market)
- Points Scan App: Android Market

How will my child take a quiz?

Students will be given opportunities to take quizzes in their classrooms or in the computer lab. Quizzing from home is not permitted.

How will I know how my child is doing?

- Renaissance Home Connect is a website that allows the student, you, and the teacher to view progress in AR while outside of school.
  - To log in to Renaissance Home Connect Website:
    https://hosted281.renlearn.com/267067/HomeConnect
- Your student uses the same username and password that they use to access the AR in their classroom.
- In Renaissance Home Connect you can also:
  - Click Email Setup to sign up to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results
  - Click Help to get answers to your questions about Renaissance Home Connect

Accelerated Reader Awards:
Oak Ridge Bobcats have the opportunity to earn medals by reaching their grade level points according to the chart below.

There is a new award system starting 2017-18. Please see the attachment for details.

We look forward to seeing our students grow and learn to love reading!

Thank you for your continued support,

Oak Ridge Elementary Family

Oak Ridge Elementary Accelerated Reader Incentive Program

Accelerated Reader Medals -All Students who achieve the required number of points for book read.

NEW!

	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Platinum
Kindergarten	5	10	15	35
First Grade	25	15	7	50
Second Grade	40	25	10	80
Third Grade	60	37.5	15	120
Fourth Grade	80	50	20	140
Fifth Grade	100	62.5	25	180
Sixth Grade	120	75	30	200

Grade level intermittent awards for reader growth. Incentives are decided by grade level.

Accelerated Reader Lifetime Awards- The following awards will be received upon reading the required number of points at any time during the student's tenure at Oak Ridge.

Category	Point Total
Topaz	500
Garnet	750
Amethyst	1,000
Ruby	1,500
Sapphire	2,000
Emerald	2,500
Diamond	3,000