

After School Activities to Support Accelerated Reading

- Bingo for Books—Dinner with family and friends along with games of BINGO for books.
- Annual Read In—Students come and read any book with family members and take tests on books during this time.
- Campfire Readings - Students come and read books on their reading level with family and friend and take tests on books during this time.
- AR Store for Points earned three times a year. Students purchase items based upon the number of points earned.

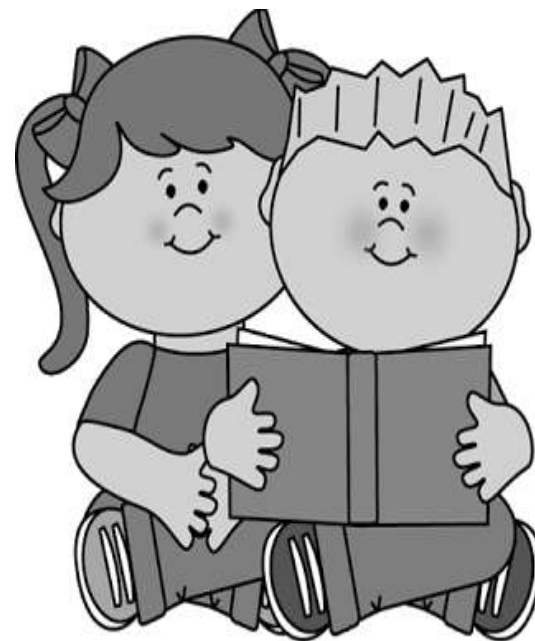


Accelerated Reading has many special features and resources.

- Renaissance Home Connect is fun, easy to use and easy to understand. It allows the student, parent, and teacher to share information about your student's Accelerated Reader (AR) progress from any computer with Internet access. You must use the following browsers: Internet Explorer 7.9 or higher, Firefox 4 or later, or Safari 3.5 or later. By using the student's username and password assigned by the teacher. This is the same as they use at school. To login visit: <https://hosted270.renlearn.com/707339/HomeConnect>
- You may search the internet for <http://www.arbookfind.com/> to determine if books are part of the accelerated reading program.
- Another great resource is a free app for your phone which can be used to determine if books are part of the program by simply scanning the Q code. Just search for Book Scanner or AR Book Scanner.

What is Accelerated Reading?

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AR is a computer program that helps educators manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Children select a book at their independent reading level and read at their individual 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 provides feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. Children using AR select their own books to read at an appropriate readability level rather than having one assigned to them. This will create a challenging reading experience without becoming frustrated. This ensures that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.



How is your child's readability level determined?

Students are given the STAR Reading Test which uses computer-adaptive technology. This is given three times yearly to determine independent readability level. As questions are answered correctly the level of difficulty is increased. If the child misses a questions the level of difficulty is reduced. This is a multiple choice test and takes approximately 15 minutes. Students are given their reading level to take to the library for selection of books.

Importance of Reading Daily

According to research, children who read at least 35 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate (average percent correct) on AR quizzes see the greatest gains academically. Therefore, your child should have at least 35 minutes set aside for reading in school as well as at home.

What are A.R. Points and how are Goals set?

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 and the length of the book (number of words).

Goals are set by the program as well as the teacher. Students are encouraged to meet their goal each nine weeks to become superior readers. Teachers are always providing support and motivation in the classroom to encourage the students to meet that goal.

The greatest motivation for the students is the chance to shop at the A.R. Store three times a year. As the students earn points in the classroom they can purchase from many items in the store. They can save their points each time or spend after each nine weeks. At the end of the year they must use what they have earned. Points are not rolled over from year to year.

