

Accelerated Reader Guidelines

Reading on a daily basis is the best way to improve reading proficiency. The Accelerated Reader program is a requirement in Language Arts class. In addition to other homework assignments, your child should be devoting at least 30 minutes to reading nightly.

During the first few weeks of school your son/daughter will take the STAR test to establish his/her reading level. A reading range and marking period point goals / reading goals will be determined as a result of the STAR test.

Book selection:

- Students select books within their reading level range.
- Students may also select books from the teacher's classroom library.
- Books chosen that are not "AR" books can still be read. Teachers will determine point value.
- Students must receive teacher permission prior to selecting a book outside of their reading level.

In-class reading:

- Teachers will provide students with 20 minutes of independent, silent reading each day.
- Students are expected to bring their AR book to class daily.
- During this time, reading conferences will be conducted by teachers.
- Writer's Workshop activities will also be tied to the student's AR books.
- Conferences will feature:
 - Reinforcement of critical reading strategies taught in class
 - Interventions to address deficiencies in fluency, comprehension, vocabulary recognition, etc.

Marking Period Deadlines:

- Teachers will post reminders of marking period due dates in the classroom.
- Deadlines cannot be extended, even if the student is absent on the AR due date.

Point Goals:

- Point goals / reading goals may be adjusted by the teacher at his/her discretion (based on student ability).
- Points do not carry over from one marking period to another.
- Students must read independently all marking period, even if they've already met their point goal.
- To ensure success, students are encouraged to earn points before the deadline and continue to read beyond the minimum goal to improve reading skills and overall average.

After finishing a book, students must complete the following steps:

1. Fill out all information pertaining to the book in the AR log.
2. Conduct a satisfactory reading conference with the teacher.
3. Complete any other required assignments. (Such as plot summary, book report, one pagers, etc.)
4. Complete and pass the AR quiz.
 - ***Quizzes may be taken only on a current reading selection.***
 - ***Students may not retake quizzes they've already taken at any point.***
 - ***Quizzes must be taken during LA class.***
 - ***Quizzes taken without teacher permission or outside of the LA classroom will be deleted and credit will not be awarded.***

Students may go to the library under the following circumstances:

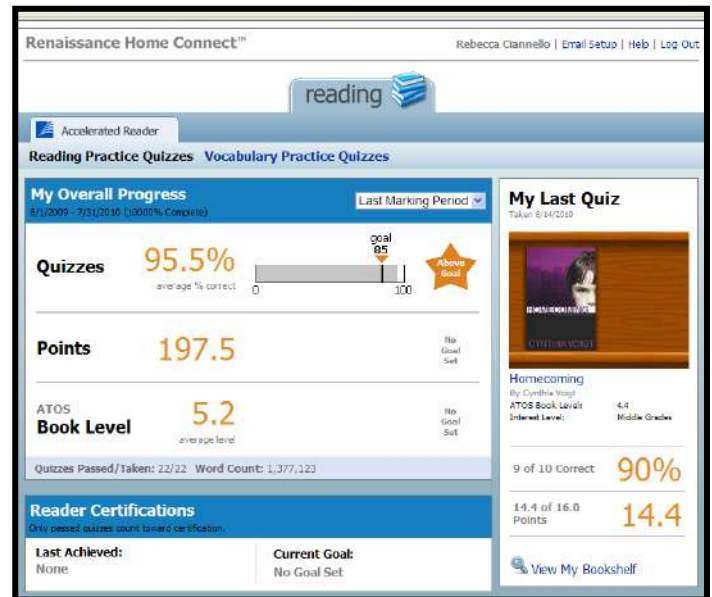
1. The student has completed all of the steps listed above and needs to return the completed book and check out another one.
2. To renew a book or pay a fine.
3. There are no computers available in the classroom to take a quiz.

Grading Criteria:

- 200 points (test) each marking period
- Final AR marking period grade is based on the following:
 - Quiz average
 - Percentage of Point Goal Earned
 - Reading log/written activity/Reader's Notebook rubric (teacher discretion).

Parent Communication:

- Logging in to Renaissance Home Connect provides an overview of reading progress (see picture).
- Home Connect letters will be sent home as soon as STAR testing is completed (by the end of September).



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Please sign below and return this portion to your child's Language Arts teacher.

Student's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent's email: _____