

# Accelerated Reader

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■ Guidelines for Success

# Expectations

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- AR counts as 10% of the reading grade.
- You must have 7 points to pass in the first semester.
- You must have 10 points to pass in the second semester.
- Set goals to achieve point values.
- Be prepared each day with your AR log and AR book.

# Choosing a Book

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- Choose materials that interest you.
- Choose both fiction and nonfiction.
- Read the cover, front and back.
- Read the inside of the jacket.
- Read the first few lines of the first chapter.
- Choose another book if you find more than 5 unfamiliar words on the first page.

# Not the Right Book?

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- Return the book as soon as you realize it is not the book for you.
- Library day is Tuesday.
- Library is open for business at 7:30 or you may visit between classes.
- You may also go to the library after school. The library closes at 3pm.

# Accountable for Reading

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- Use the log to record the title, the date, and the number of pages read.
- Obtain a teacher's signature at school after reading.
- Obtain a parent's signature at home after reading.
- Remember to read at home at least **30 minutes (or more)** each night.

# TAMS Library Media Center

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- Library day for sixth grade is Tuesday.
- Conduct business quietly and efficiently.
- Take quizzes on finished books.
- Browse shelves for selections within your reading range. **Keep shelves neat.**
- Line up at desk to be checked out.
- Check out up to three books at one time.
- Sit and read quietly until everyone has finished.

# Distractions?

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- If distracted by something or someone while reading, report the problem to the teacher or librarian so the disruption can be put to rest.
- Keep yourself out of trouble by avoiding being the distraction.

# Reading is...

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- A quiet activity.
- A time to investigate, explore, escape, discover, and learn.
- Making predictions about what will happen next in a novel.
- Asking questions about unknown information.
- Tracking your thinking using post-it notes.
- A time to monitor your comprehension.



# Reading is not...

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- Wandering around the room.
- Staring at a book.
- Staring into space.
- Visiting the bathroom.
- Talking to friends.
- Playing on the computer.

# Taking an AR Quiz

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- Make sure you have read the book completely.
- Make sure your log is complete.
- Make sure you have the book and the log.
- Log on to a computer and open Internet Explorer.
- Enter Renaissance Learning from the LMC homepage.
- Find the title and the author of the book.
- Select to take a 'Reading Practice Quiz'.
- Wait for a teacher to enter the password.

# Other Concerns & Questions

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- What if I fail a quiz?
- Must I vary my reading selections?
- What if I want to read a book above or below my level?
- What happens if I don't take the STAR test seriously?
- How can I be failing AR?

# Starting the Journey

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- Shortly you will begin on a journey in which you will be surrounded by perilous plots, courageous characters, and sensational settings.
- Nonfiction awaits you on this journey, too, and may open your mind to new discoveries about science and history.
- Enjoy the journey.