

MSW Accelerated Reading Program

Success in reading is the best predictor of achievement in school and in life, and the quantity and the quality of reading practice impacts reading success. The Accelerated Reading Program, in addition to the many ways teachers, library staff, and parents are encouraging students to read, acts as one more motivator for students to read more books and to read more carefully.

Students in grades three through five participate in the Accelerated Reading (AR) Program. In this program, students read books and take a ten question computerized quiz. When the students successfully pass the quiz, they get credit for that book. This provides a mechanism for teachers to ascertain that the students are carefully reading entire books and that they comprehend what they read. Students generally have fun receiving acknowledgment that they passed a quiz and feel self-satisfaction at having achieved a goal.

There is no set number of books to read. Personal goals for each student are established using the STAR Reading Test, and a point system is used to keep track of the books read. The point goal is calculated using the individual's grade equivalent (GE) score on the test and the amount of time spent reading. Therefore, each student has a realistic goal for his or her ability. Also, the point system recognizes longer and more complex books read, and may be adjusted over the course of the school year. Success in reaching these goals is figured into a student's Reading grade and entered as a test.

Accelerated Reading books are available in our school library and elsewhere. Quizzes may be taken in the library, computer lab, and in the classroom. **Unfortunately, our site license does NOT allow for testing at home.** Please read the "Frequently asked Questions" information for more details about the program (see reverse).

Student accomplishments are monitored in the Library, and those who successfully reach their independent point goal have their results displayed. Incentives are awarded to those who reach and/or exceed their goals.

We hope this program accomplishes what we intend: to connect more kids with more books and to see reading growth over the school year. Thank you for your support.

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