



Dear SBS Parents,

Last year, we began setting AR goals for our students and were so proud of their success! This school year, we are making a few updates to our Accelerated Reader program to continue encouraging students to become stronger, more confident readers.

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps monitor student's independent reading practice. Your child will read books at his/her reading level, one level above, or one level below. After finishing a book, your child will take a short comprehension quiz on the computer. Quiz scores help us determine how well students understand and remember what they have read.

At the beginning of the school year, students will take the STAR Reading assessment. This assessment will provide your child with a reading level and an individualized AR point goal. **Beginning this school year, AR will count as a 10-point reading grade.** The grade will be based on two areas: the percentage of the AR goal completed and the student's average comprehension score using the rubric to the right.

Goal Completion (7 pts)		Comprehension (3 pts)	
% of Goal Met	Points	Avg. Score	Points
100% or more	7	80–100%	3
90–99%	6	70–79%	2
80–89%	5	60–69%	1
70–79%	4	Below 60%	0
60–69%	3		
50–59%	2		
Below 50%	1		
No participation	0		

The following AR rules apply:

- Students must read books within their assigned reading range: their grade level, one level above, or one level below.
- Students are given one opportunity to pass each quiz and must score 80% or higher to pass. Students should only take a quiz after they have finished reading the entire book.
- Students may take AR quizzes in the library or classroom. Students may visit the library before school or during open recess times to check out books and take AR tests.
- Students will have AR folders with reading logs. They should record the books they read, quiz scores, and other information. These folders should always be with students when taking AR tests or visiting the library.
- Students must take AR quizzes in the presence of a teacher, and the teacher will initial the quiz record.
- One AR grade will be given each nine weeks by the student's ELA teacher.



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- Books from home or the public library may be used as long as the books fall within your child's assigned reading range. You can check if a book has an AR quiz by visiting **arbookfinder.com**. You will also find a book's reading level and point value here.

AR Incentives:

- At the end of each nine weeks, students who meet their goal will get a Plinko prize pick in the library.
- At the end of each nine weeks, the winning class (100% of students have met their goal AND has the highest number of points earned) in 1st-4th and in 5th-7th will choose a class reward from the library.
- Students who have met their goal in all 4 nine weeks, will get to attend our *Stars, Stripes, and Scoops* ice cream party.
- Students who reach 100+ points will be added to *Mount Readmore* & invited to attend a 100 point party at the end of the year.
- The top reader (most points earned for the year) in each class will receive an award on Awards Day.

Thank you for partnering with us to encourage a love of reading and to help your child develop strong independent reading habits. We are excited to see our students continue to grow as readers this year!

Sincerely,

Danielle Marie, principal

Emily Collins, assistant principal

Peyton Ocker, school librarian